

*Hello, I'm Felipe. I have a deep question. I searched on Google, and I found another guy, named John, with the same question. I will copy/paste his question here, because, like me, he hasn't found an answer yet.*

*My name is John, I have a few questions that nobody has really been able to answer for me. If God is all powerful and all knowing, why are we here? He knows if we'll end up believing in him, and he knows if we won't. So why are we here? Why not just have us in Heaven and or Hell already? Which also begs the question: if God knows everything, he has knowingly created people that he knows are going to Hell before they even exist. How is that fair? I'm not saying that he doesn't give us the choice. I'm saying that he knows what choice we're going to make. I just don't understand. I'm scared.*

*That's the question. I'll try to explain in my way too: We want to know: what's the point of us? What's the fun for God, if He knows everything already? It's like watching the same movie over and over again, isn't it? You already know everything, nothing surprises you. He already know who will love Him and who will hate. He knows all that's going to happen. I can't see the point. If He didn't know the future, he could be surprised with love; but, he already knows all so there's no excitement. And like John I also question, what's the point of the world then? He could create us in heaven already since he knows which creation will love Him and which creation will not love him. There's no way to surprise him or to make something different. It's very confusing.*

Men were created to love God and to be loved by him (Mk 12:30, Is 54:8). God did not put up a wall of fire so that Satan was restrained from entering into the Garden of Eden. Rather, God let him right in to tempt Adam and Eve.

The Lord Jesus will rule and reign for 1000 years on earth (Re 20:1–10). Everything will have been peaceful and harmonious; but, God will let Satan back out of his pit to tempt men again (Re 20:3).

The Lord must see that men choose to love him (Ge 2:17). Each person will be tested to prove that his love for the God is genuine. Eve sinned in a perfect garden and her husband, Adam, did not attempt stop her (Ge 3:12). After the millennial period some will again choose to yield to Satan's temptations. In ideal and in less than ideal circumstances, men choose to sin (Jn 3:19).

Sin is perversion of a virtue. If men insist on destroying themselves, God will let them. God's way is the best way; yet, like Esau some give up their birthright for a bowl of soup (Ge 25:34)—men sell their souls because they are unconcerned about the things of God.

God will live with those who love him. Love must be freely given or it isn't love at all. God could have made men robots who would say—*I love you Lord. I serve you Lord*—but their love would not be real.

God is perfect, holy and good. His children are made more into his likeness daily (Heb 2:11). They believe him and trust in his guidance (Ac 5:14; 1 Ti 4:12). Christians work out their salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12).

No man comes to the Lord squeaky clean (Is 64:6). When a believer sins, he asks the Lord for forgiveness and God is faithful and just to forgive him (1 Jn 1:9).

God told Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated that he would comply, God said: *"Now I know that thou fearest God."* Ge 22:12 emphasis mine. Because Abraham had faith, God caused many nations to be blessed through him (Gal. 3:8).

Believers are blessed and privileged when they suffer for the Lord (Ac 5:41). Suffering is not comparable to heaven's glory (Rom. 8:18; 1 Pet. 4:13). If there were another way to move on to glory, God would have offered it (Mt 26:39). It's the way it must be (1 Co 12:26, Phil 1:29, Ga 3:4). Christians are refined through fiery trials (1 Pe 4:12) and their lives guide others toward the Lord, as well (Mt 6:33). God turns evil into good for those who love him (Ro 8:28).

Everyone will give an account to God (1 Pe 4:5). What one does in this lifetime matters in eternity. One should: trust and obey the Lord (Deut 5:10), open his mouth and judge rightly (Pr 31:9), not be ashamed of God's word (Lk 9:26), love and serve others (Mt 25:35-40) and forgive others when they repent (Lk 17:3).

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Pr 9:10). Each man must humble himself before God.

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

For the High and Exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy says this: 'I live in a high and holy place, and with the oppressed and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the oppressed (Is 57:15).

James wrote: Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (Jas 4:10).

Once one has passed from death to life (he knows this because he has love for the brethren [1 Jn 3:14]), he should no longer fear. Perfect love casts out fear (1 Jn 4:18).