



Night 3: The Unseen Enemy

Hope Awakens with John Bradshaw Q&A



Question 1: The World's Trials

What does the Bible teach about God allowing the world to go through the trials that we have been experiencing, and why didn't He fix it before?

1 John 4:8 states, "God is love."

Jeremiah 31:3 states, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

Matthew 24:28 states, "'An enemy has done this.'"

Jesus states in one of His most famous parables describing planet earth's terrible events that 'An enemy has done this.' What happens in the world isn't God's doing, but the work of Satan.

- In the beginning, God made everything to be good. God designed for humans to live forever, but under the influence of the serpent, Satan, we have made a terrible choice that ended with our suffering.
- God loves us, and despite the fact that the enemy continues to cause these terrible trials on earth, Jesus feels everything that we feel and suffers with us continuously and experiences our pain.
- Everything bad that happens is because of an enemy who seeks to destroy us and our faith in God.

Question 2: God's Plan for our relationships

In His word, God says that, "It is not good for man to be alone." I have prayed for years to have a partner of my own, yet I am still alone. So how can you say that God answers prayers?

1 John 5:14 says, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him."

- God knows when the time is right, and we do not because we are only human, and thus we do not have the capability to know what is best for us.
- We tend to forget that there is always a tomorrow and that if we ask for God's patience as well as claiming his promises, He can answer our promises.
- Take time to further consider what you can do in order to achieve your goal for your relationships. Nothing is impossible for God, however, we also must do our part.

Question 3: Host's Bible

Where can I get the same Bible as Pastor John Bradshaw? I really like it a lot because it looks like it has a lot of additional commentaries.

You can get his Bible and whole lot of other study materials at:

ItsWritten.shop

Question 4: The “New Normal”

From what you mentioned about a “new normal”, what could it be?

Things will be very different after the COVID-19 is under control.

Although we know that there will be many negative changes in the world, there are some hopeful changes that can also occur as well such as:

- People being more cautious when it comes to being sick.
- More health rules implicated for everyone’s safety.
- Individuals coming to the realization that small lifestyle choices can possibly have a greater effect on everyone else’s health.

Question 5: Our Doubts

How can I keep doubt from entering my mind?

**The reality of life is that, you cannot keep doubt from entering your mind.
So the real question is, “What do you do when doubt enters your mind?”**

Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 22:21 says, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

- When doubt clouds our mind, turn to the word of God and yield to it. Jesus is our example, and whenever He was tempted or faced doubt, He stood on the word of His Father.
- Doubt is like water dripping through a crack in the wall, in the way that it will keep going its path unless you divert water or seal up the crack. You can't prevent the rain from falling, but you can let God's word seal up the cracks.
- You can let the word of God be the answer to your doubt and grant you intelligent faith.

Question 6: Spreading the Gospel

My heart has a conviction to spread the gospel, but due to health issues, I'm not able to be in the company of others at this time. How can I share the gospel without me being in person?

You can share the word of God through social media by sending online Bible study links to people using email, text, facebook, etc.

Some great links to share with people are:

- Hopeawakens.com
- Amazingfacts.org
- 3abn.org
- lightbearers.org

Question 7: The Source of Pestilences

What is the best answer for someone who asks, “Where or who do pestilences or plagues come from?” Is it from God, Satan, or ourselves?”

Matthew 13:24-28 says, “Another parable He put forth to them saying, ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares appeared. So the servants came to the owner and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not grow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’”

Jesus describes in His parable that “an enemy has done this.” So this means that Satan is responsible for the terrible things that happen in the world today.

- God never inflicts suffering on anyone, rather, the enemy causes us to suffer.
- Furthermore, our decisions also causes us harm whenever we commit sin.
- Jesus makes it clear that an enemy is responsible for the painful events that happen on earth.