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What I learned.

Hi, Pastor Ron,

I asked why God allowed the following to happen: That day he killed 85 men who wore ephod, and the town of the priests with its men and women, its children and infants, and its cattle, donkeys and sheep (1 Samuel 22: 18, 19). The same questions could be asked: Why did God allow the Holocaust happened? Why did God allow "innocent" people to be killed sometimes?

Here are some of my thoughts:

1. They're not innocent. Sometimes our sins will catch up with us some day.

2. If they are like Job, like God allowed Elijah to be chased by the bad king, allowed David to be chased by king Saul, allowed Daniel to be thrown into a lion's den, so God allowed us to be tested.

3. God allowed all the apostles to be martyred, so I learned physical death is the worst penalty for unbelievers, but physical death sometimes is the best reward for believers to be with our Lord.

4. This will explain why God allowed the Holocaust happened to millions of Jews including infants.

5. God's thoughts are higher than my thoughts, and His way is higher than my way, so I don't blame God even though I don't understand. [Isaiah 55:8,9]

Are my thoughts right? ... I don't blame God, and just wanted to understand God better, and God is worthy to be praised no matter what.

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