

If God is Holy, why did He allow sin in the world?

Many people who doubt the holiness or perfectness of God do so because of the existence of sin. At best they are seeking to understand the relationship between God's perfect nature and the obvious wickedness that is seen in the world.

1. What does man's sinfulness express about God?

John **16:7-11**

Romans **1:29-32; 3:5-6; 3:20-23**

Ultimately, as men sin and are aware of the reality of the failings of mankind, it does in reality communicate that God truly is righteous. Men do know that certain actions of men, like murder, stealing, rape, are actions that ought to be condemned and receive judgment. The correctness of their knowledge of wrong behavior accentuates that there must, in some fashion, be true justice and that no man is able to escape from true justice.

2. What does man's sinfulness communicate to man?

Romans **3:19-20; 10:3-5**

Galatians **3:21-25**

Psalms **73:3-8**

The sinfulness of man communicates two things to man. It first communicates to them that what some people are doing is downright evil and deserving of strong punishment. In other words, it communicates that there is a need for a justice system that cannot be escaped from. It also communicates to men that they are in desperate need of the sacrifice and offering up of Jesus Christ on behalf of their own sinful condition. Men are generally aware of the sinful state of others. It is only through coming to grips with the real righteousness of God that he can then become aware of his own sinful condition and thus his need for the grace and mercy of God through the sacrifice that Jesus made.

3. What does God's allowing sin in the world communicate about God's nature?

Judges **2:19-23**

2 Peter **3:9**

Acts **17:24-31**

As God allows sin in the world it communicates that God actually desires men to desire to be with Him. It communicates that God is patient and willing to wait for man to repent and turn to Him. It actually communicates that although God is being patient now that there will be a legitimate time in which God's patience will run out and that He must be willing to judge the world.

4. What does God seek to accomplish by allowing sin in the world?

Hebrews **7:22-25**

James **4:7-10**

Romans **9:22-23**

God desires for man to come to an understanding of his own sinfulness and that he needs to turn to God for forgiveness and healing. Through man's humble submission to God, they will turn to God for forgiveness and shine for God's purpose, glory, and honor.

