

Genesis 50:20

SUBJECT: God's ^{MEANING} meaning

God's purpose in evil

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"God meant it for good."

GOD'S MEANING

(a) woman to her pastor, "why do you always turn your back when I come here?"

Fancy God turns the coat. "what has God against me?"

I. God's Meaning Has One Great Object: GOOD.

1. God thinks of you. mat 10:17,18
 { (a) Rich young ruler, you. "How can you be so rich and yet have no treasure in heaven?"
 Rom. 3:12 "you do not just, no, not one."

2. God's goodness determines God's activity
 mat. 7:11 "if you ask me, I will give you, and if you seek me, I will answer you."
 Rom. 8:28 "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God."
 Rom. 12:2 "present yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - your worship."
 "present yourself to God as one who is obedient and free from the bondage of sin."

II. God's meanings often travel over
strange paths.

The sad story of Joseph.

The cross of Jesus

The generation (scattering) of the infant church

Some of our greatest blessings come through
the most trying adventures

And many a rapturous minstrel
Among those sons of light
Will say of his sweetest music,
"I learned it in the night."
And many a rolling anthem
That fills the Father's home
Sobbed out its first rehearsal
In the shade of a darkened room.

III. God's meanings will ultimately
be made clear.

Joseph had to wait many years
Rom 11:33 <sup>of the depth of the riches both the wisdom
and knowledge that God uses to call on</sup> his mercy and
Isa. 55:8,9 <sup>For on that day will I call to the
blind who have no eyes and to the deaf who have no ears</sup> and his mercy will be
greater than your eyes.

when you cannot grasp God's ways,
trust Him.

Jer 14:18
Isaiah 50:10 <sup>before array you that walk
in darkness and have no light?
But will I trust in the name of the Lord.</sup>
Isa. 37:7 <sup>And in the Lord we must patiently
be silent.</sup>

Until I learned to trust
I never learned to pray;
And I did not learn to fully trust
Til sorrows came my way.

Until I felt my weakness
His strength I never knew;
Nor dreamed 'til I was stricken
That He could see me through,

Who deepest drinks of sorrow
Drinks deepest, too, of grace;
He sends the storm so He Himself
Can be our hiding place.

His heart, that seeks our highest—
GOOD
Knows well when things annoy;
We would not long for heaven
If earth held only joy.

4. 24: 55-58

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5. 24: 61

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Earth is a desert area -

Barren & desolate land

Bound up in the heart

Heaven is a pasture

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"I am a stranger here. Because I have seen a desert area - sorrow & danger stand round me as I have chosen to go further"