

Dear Naemi,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked why God created people if he is almighty and knew about sin.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:26-27) Although God had created angelic creatures in his own image, Adam was the first physical creation in his image. Being “created in God’s own image” means having the ability to think, reason and make choices. This liberty of choice is part of man’s original endowment. God, in his infinite wisdom, foresaw that man would sin. God allowed man to make that choice, knowing that an actual experience with evil would be the surest and most lasting lesson to serve the entire human family for eternity; and for that reason God did not prevent but permitted the human race to experience sin and its penalty-death.

The good news is that God had a plan; a well devised and thought out plan. He sent his Son, Jesus, to earth to die as a perfect sinless man in order to ransom Adam and his entire race from the endless cycle of sin and death. Jesus paid the ransom price that will give every human being that has ever lived the opportunity in the Millennial Age to return to the God-honoring perfect condition that was lost in the Garden of Eden. “For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

Therefore, the terrible experience with sin and death, although a temporary curse, is actually an eternal blessing for humanity. When God’s kingdom on earth is established, the glory of his divine character and his mercy will be made known to everyone. Then humankind will understand God’s wisdom in allowing the temporary permission of evil as a lesson for all eternity of the sinfulness of sin. In view of the great plan of redemption, and the consequent “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21), through Christ, we can see that blessings result through the permission of evil that, probably, could not otherwise have been fully realized.

We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,  
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