Why do the righteous suffer?

Theology Forum Seminar

Philosophy 4600
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Wednesdays from 3-3:50pm

Assigned texts: The book of Job, and several essays on Job and the problem of unfair suffering.

Has God been fair to Job? Are Job's friends right when they say he deserves the terrible things that have happened to him? If not, why does God treat him so harshly? And how is God's "answer from the whirlwind" even relevant to Job's complaint? What should we say about unfair suffering? These, and related issues, will be at the center of our discussions.

...therefore I say, he destroys both the blameless and the wicked.
When disaster brings sudden death,
he mocks at the calamity of the innocent. [9:22]

I call aloud,
but there is no justice. [19:7b]

Here is my signature!
Let the Almighty answer me! [31:35a]

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