

**THE DIAMOND
AND
THE RING**

A diamond once found himself next to a plain old ring from a chewing gum machine.

“How come you are so beautiful, sparkle all the time and are so much in demand?” asked the ring enviously.

“O well,” replied the diamond, “You come from a perfect world, I do not.’

“What on earth do you mean by that?” bellowed the ring.

“Do you know what it is to be rejected because of your outward appearance?”

“Well..eh..no,” she stammered.

“Do you know what it is to be taken from the only home you’ve ever known, warm, cozy, comfortable and thrown into days of intense pain and fiery suffering?”

“I guess not.’

“Do you know what it is to be all alone, imprisoned under lock and keys because some one with money wants to use you?”

“No, I don’t.” The ring was pouting now.

“Well,” the diamond rejoined, “that is what I mean.”

To those who ask the question:

“If there is a God, why do people suffer?”

One can only reply:

“If there is a God, He is One who makes diamonds.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.”

From the HOLY BIBLE

Proverbs Chapter 3 verses 5 and 6.



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