

THE BOOK OF JOB
God's Fullness During Trying Times
Text: Job 9

Key Word: Fullness

Key Thought: Is God All we Need in Trying Times?

I find it very interesting who and what people place their trust in. This simple thought came into my mind a few weeks ago and has not escaped my thinking since I began to meditate upon it.

“Be Care Feeling Secure with Someone Else’s Money.”

This is where our society is heading at a dangerous speed. I’ve now reached the age where I depend up Old Age Security deposits and well as Canada Pension Plan to pay my bills. The problem is that most politicians and corporation elites across the world are spending money like drunken soldiers with no thought that it will have to end sooner than later. Most likely sooner.

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Psalm 20:7

The Psalmist is simply saying that we need to trust in everything God’s name stands for. I could begin now to mention in just single words and keep you in here for hours. Just think of a few of words that represent what makes God unique to anyone or anything. ***God IS love, peace, joy, just, trustworthy, dependable, generous, kind, brilliant, powerful, patient, good, great, creative, bold, gentle, master of everything, always on time, sensitive, blameless, profound, innocent, strong, fearless, uplifting. He is a conqueror, a way maker, a doer of what is always right. He is GOD ALONE and there is no other to compare with Him.***

He is **SO UNIQUE** that we would be a fool **NOT** to place our complete faith in Him. The more troubling our times become, the greater we should unleash ourselves from things that really won’t matter in the end of our life. The worse our times great, the more we should place our trust in the **FULLNESS OF GOD.**

What Did Job See in God That Kept Him from Turning Toward Someone Else in His Days of Trouble and Torment?

I. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - KNOWING

II. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - POWERFUL

III. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - PRESENT

I. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - KNOWING

Notice that I'm saying "He Saw a God That **IS** All Not a God That **WAS** . . . Lets take a few moments to evaluate the words that Job replied to Bildad with. I'm going to begin with emphasising that he believed in an ALL KNOWING GOD. This is the simple way of saying that God is Omniscient.

"A fool has said in his heart that there is no God."

Psalm 14:1; cf. Psalm 53:1

The Hebrew word for "**fool**" "**nabal**" is not used to describe someone who is lacking in intelligence but rather someone who chooses to live a wicked lifestyle. King David went on to explain that they are **corrupt** and their deeds are **vile**.

"For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the **philosophy of meaninglessness** was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality. **We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.** There was one admirably simple method of confuting these people and justifying ourselves in our erotic revolt: we would deny that the world had any meaning whatever." —

Aldous Huxley
"Ends and Means"

To say what he believed in as an atheist was that a desire to avoid moral restraints was a motivation for their disbelief. Job wasn't referred to as a fool because of what he did or did not believe. It was because he lived a righteous life. He understood that the God he served knew everything. **Darkness never consumes the light.** Those who are living in an erotic revolt against God can never truly convince themselves that there is no God.

"An atheist's denial flies in the face of much evidence to the contrary, including his own conscience and the universe he lives in."

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What are most people in this world going to do when they stand before God on judgement day? Do they foolishly believe they will have answers for the wrongdoing? Do they think they can outsmart God? **Is a short term, corrupt, vile and limited life worth exchanging our eternal life in heaven with God?** Don't enlarge sheol.

I. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - KNOWING (Contd.)

“Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.”

Isaiah 5:14 (KJV)

“Indeed, I know that this is true. But how can mere mortals prove their innocence before God?

3. Though they wished to dispute with him, they could not answer him one time out of a thousand.

4. His wisdom is profound . . .

14. “How then can I dispute with him? How can I find words to argue with him?”

Job 9:2-4,14

II. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - POWERFUL

“He moves mountains without their knowing it and overturns them in his anger.

6 He shakes the earth from its place and makes its pillars tremble . . .

10. He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted . . .

19. If it is a matter of strength, he is mighty!

Job 9:5,6,10

Hardly a day goes by that we don't hear about consumable energy. Basically these headlines are saying that many of the things we use today will eventually be used up if we don't replenish them or find something that cannot be extinguished. Elon Musk recently said that all the USA needs to supply its electrical consumption are solar panels covering an area of 100 miles by 100 miles in Arizona. The problem is storing it and transmitting it across the nation.

I don't know if that statement is true or not BUT I do know a non-consumable energy source **Who** is known as the **God Almighty**. Scholars describe our One and Only God as Omnipotent (All Powerful). I can't imagine living my life in a manner that attempts to exclude God's power over my life. Just think what Job was saying with the limited knowledge that his generation had discovered? He believed in a distinct God who could **move mountains, shake the earth, perform miracles and wonders**. There is no end to God's strength.

II. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - POWERFUL (Contd.)

OUR GOD IS SO BIG
SO STRONG AND SO MIGHTY
THERE'S NOTHING OUR GOD CANNOT DO
FOR YOU (2 x's)

THE MOUNTAINS ARE HIS
THE RIVERS ARE HIS
THE STARS SHOW HIS HANDIWORK TOO

Children's Song

*** Donald Grey Barnhouse, former pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, tells the story of his revered professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, Robert Dick Wilson, a renowned scholar of astounding linguistic ability. About twelve years after Barnhouse had graduated from the seminary, he was invited back to speak at the chapel. Professor Wilson was present for the service, and afterward he approached the speaker with these words: *"if you come back again, I will not come hear you preach. I come only once. **I am glad that you are a big-godder.** When my boys come back, I come to see if they are big-godders or little-godders, and then I know what their ministry will be."*

When Barnhouse asked for an explanation, Wilson replied, *"**Well, some men have a little god and they are always in trouble with him.** He can't do any miracles. He can't take care of the inspiration and transmission of the Scripture to us. He doesn't intervene on behalf of his people. They have a little god and I call them little-godders. **Then there are those who have a great God.** He speaks and it is done. He commands and it stands fast. He knows how to show Himself strong on behalf of them that fear Him. You have a great God, and He will bless your ministry!"* ***

Hassell Bullock, Psalms : Volume 2
(Teach the Text Commentary Series): Psalms 73-150
Baker Books, 2017.

"Our high and privileged calling is to do the will of God in the power of God for the glory of God."

J. I Packer

III. HE SAW A GOD THAT IS ALL - PRESENT

The last thing that I want to focus upon is that Job recognized (saw) God as being Omni-Present. In other words He is at All Places at All Times.

“When he passes me, I cannot see him; when he goes by, I cannot perceive him.

12. If he snatches away, who can stop him? Who can say to him, ‘What are you doing?’ . . .

24. When a land falls into the hands of the wicked, he blindfolds its judges. If it is not he, then who is it?

Job 9:11,12.24

Something that has amazed me is that God allows us to sense His presence **when He wants to**. He often chooses to do that when we take time to get (draw) close to Him. Job knew that God could keep him from knowing that He was present. That defiantly baffles my mind. How can God NOT be sensed? Is it perhaps because we have become familiar with His presence so it doesn't affect us anymore? I've had many times when I've sensed an overflowing presence of God but most times I don't sense Him like that. The Psalmist wrote . . .

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

8. If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10. even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”

Psalm 139:7-10

Both Job and King David faced troubling times AND both of them grew in their understanding of who God was and how He identified Himself to their feeble minds during those times. I can identify with this truth. Even though God isn't responsible for the pain I endure, I've become closer to Him from my perspective because I have chosen to do that. I've learned to become BETTER not BITTER through my trials.

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[A.W. Tozer](#)

Have you and I allowed this noisy world to drown out the quiet, still voice of God and His Presence in and through our lives? I remember times when I heard pastors calling their congregation to “tarry (or linger) before the LORD.” It wasn’t so much a time to talk as it was a time to listen and learn from God. These were times that directed the church in a spirit of unity. These were times of spiritual growth. It was a time where the church would not attempt to go forward without God’s presence leading them.

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If He is not this kind of God - then we are lacking at a time of Biblical history that is crucial. WE must change to spiritually survive in this time of disrespect, dissent and discarding of God’s Fullness. We can’t make that mistake in a world that is racing toward spiritual apostasy.

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