

THE BOOK OF JOB
Questioning God
Text: Job 10

Key Word: Questioning

Key Thought: Questioning God is not Wise Especially during Troubling Times

So what's next? Have you asked that question recently? You're not unusual for questioning what is happening across our world. What is important during these times is to make sure we are correct at **whom** or **what** is responsible for the increasing problems we are facing. It doesn't take much skill to influence a great number of people in our world in a short period of time.

Oppression targets those that are already oppressed and increases their predicaments. Just devise a new phrase (that clearly is opposite of what the words mean) and tell people that they must agree with it and soon it takes over as a heralding of truth that cannot be questioned. **That is NOT justice - that is tyranny.** Judges are admired when they stand for justice and keep to the spirit of the law. They can't be bought, influenced or blackmailed to follow devilish schemes.

“What we tolerate today - we embrace tomorrow.”

The Book of Job should caution us to beware what **we think** or it will influence our words and eventually our actions. **We can walk around with self-inflicted wounds or we can doubt our doubts and find the truth.** Job was making a big mistake. But the question is **“Why was he doing it?”** He clearly knew there was a place of great darkness but he somehow came to believe that he was going to end up there forever.

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and disorder, where even the light is like darkness.*

Job 10:20-22

His pain and suffering were influencing him to distrust God and believe in what was Not true. Let me repeat something - **“we can doubt our doubts and find the truth.”** Job didn't realize that he was on a journey that would *“open the eyes of the blind and cause the deaf to hear”* in a spiritual sense. **What and whom should Job have questioned?**

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II. TO LAMENT THAT GOD WAS NOT JUST (Job 10:13-15)

III. TO BELIEVE THAT GOD WAS FIGHTING AGAINST HIM (Job 9:16-17)

I. TO SPEAK OUT IN THE BITTERNESS OF HIS SOUL (Job 10:1)

“I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul.”

Job 10:1

Job, at this point in his life, is NOT an example to follow. He needed to guard his words instead of giving his tongue **“free rein.”**

“but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”

James 3:8

Matin Luther described the Book of James as the epistle that is **Full of Straw** because it contained nothing that was evangelical. I’ve also read scholars that it doesn’t contain any theology. I wouldn’t be so quick to write it off because it has an abundance of teaching of practical living.

James described our tongues as a fire, a beast and a poison. **No one can fully tame their tongue but we can tone it down.** We can hold back what we say like using rein on a horse. Without controlling what we say, we will head off in many dangerous directions and place ourselves in danger of falling off a cliff.

National leaders are being shown that they have spoken words that they deny. That builds a lack in trust in what they say and do behind the camera shots. A hot microphone can expose the true belief of someone. **Backpedalling doesn’t get us anywhere.**

It’s important to be honest with ourselves that none of us have arrived when it comes to having a mature tongue.

“The mastery of it is one of the clearest marks of a whole person, a true Christian. **Tongue-mastery** is the fruit of **self-mastery** . . . As temptation often comes in via the eyes, sin easily exits through the mouth.”

Sinclair Ferguson

“The Power of Words and the Wonder of God.”

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I. TO SPEAK OUT IN THE BITTERNESS OF HIS SOUL (Job 10:1) (Contd.)

The prophet Isaiah was willing to expose who he really was after having a vision of God's throne room during the time of his commissioning into ministry.

"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:5

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

37. For by your words you will be acquitted (exonerated or cleared), and by your words, you will be condemned."

Matthew 12:36,37

** I was once asked on a cruise ship from some who came from New York where did I get my accent? I found it quite amusing. But I've come to realize since then that all of us can become accustomed to our voice and neglect to question how our words can affect others. **

II. TO LAMENT THAT GOD WAS NOT JUST (Job 10:13-15)

Lets go on with another highlight of this chapter. Job's unending pain and sorrow led him down another dangerous pathway to feast his mind and emotions upon. He began to lament that God was NOT a just God. He convinced himself that he knew what God was thinking.

"But this is what you concealed in your heart, and I know that this was in your mind:

14. If I sinned, you would be watching me and would not let my offense go unpunished."

Job 10:13-14

These "**comforters**" should have asked Job if he was hallucinating for losing his mind. This is the type of "**Backward Thinking**" that I spoke of in chapter 8.

II. TO LAMENT THAT GOD WAS NOT JUST (Job 10:13-15) (Contd.)

I've gone through unsteady times in my life when the circumstances I went through set an open door in my mind and emotions to question my relationship with God. It's important to know that the Bible doesn't keep us shielded from anything. It shows us *“the good, the bad and the ugly.”* Just take Naomi as an example.

“Don't call me Naomi (Hebrew - “pleasant”), she told them. Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. (Mara in Hebrew means “bitter”)

21. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me, the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.

Ruth 1:20-21

Just think of the stories around the lives of Jonah, John the Baptist and even Jesus. Have you ever felt forsaken by God? Have you felt He's responsible for the troubles you have faced or are facing? Welcome to the club! I read a book a few years ago that reminded me of my weaknesses

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The book illuminates what makes flawed leaders so successful, such as being undaunted by chaos and complexity, and being ready to risk failure in moving an organization from what is to what should be.

The book challenges every leading reader to consider his or her own real, personal, unvarnished, uncovered responses to five leadership realities: crisis, complexity, betrayal, loneliness, and weariness. ***

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III. TO BELIEVE THAT GOD WAS FIGHTING AGAINST HIM (Job 9:16-17)

*“If I hold my head high, you stalk me like a lion and again display your awesome power against me.
17. You bring new witnesses against me and increase your anger toward me; your (fresh - NEB) forces come against me wave upon wave.”*

Job 10:16,17

It's quite descriptive to use phrases like **“you stalk me like a lion”** and **“display your awesome power”** **“You bring new witnesses against me”** and he even speaks about God using **His (fresh - NEB) forces . . . wave upon wave.”**

“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 8:31

I also wonder how anyone would answer a question like **“If God is against us, who can be for us?”** No one can overcome God. No leader in any realm of our society has a fighting chance against God and His Holy Word. Many have tried but none have succeeded. If we do a comparison of the Bible and its history with what we are seeing today, there is no doubt that our country along with most others are marching toward the judgement of God at a convulsive speed.

I began the sermon by asking the question “So what’s next?” There are only two answers depending upon your belief system. Mankind will eventually solve these increasing problems worldwide without any God because He doesn’t exist **OR** God’s Word will prevail and our boastful pride and unsubmitive hearts will be judged accordingly.

“Anyone whose name was not found in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:15

The Apostle was so overwhelmed by what God revealed to him that he wrote it as past tense. Job now knows without a shadow of doubt that God was fighting FOR him!

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