

FRUSTRATION WITH GOD

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When Faith is put to The Test

Sometimes we experience difficulties in our lives that just make life hard, or it might be friends or loved ones who are going through trials. This message is for these folk and the rest of us that may have something coming just around the corner.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

JOB, real but not _____. Job: 1:1

SATAN, fallen angel; Satan means _____. He is also known as "the _____ of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) and "the _____ of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2).

Peter says that the devil is on the prowl to try to find someone to _____ I Peter 5:8, and Revelation 12:10 reveals that "he _____ us before God day and night."

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

It was _____ who instigated the bizarre arrangement for Job's testing process (Job 1:8).

Job's friends made their spiritual assessment of Job and his condition and were convinced that Job had _____ and God was _____ him.

GOD COMES DOWN TO SETTLE THE ISSUE

God told Job that he had "darkened God's counsel" which probably means that Job had questioned God's _____, and that he did it out of _____.

Job was told by God to "gird up your loins like a man." When a man "girded up" it was either for a _____ or if they were going into _____. It was "manly" stuff.

GOD FIRES A MULTITUDE OF QUESTIONS/CHALLENGES AT JOB

1. Where were you, Job, when I laid the _____ of the earth? (38:4)
2. Who set its _____? Since you know. (38:5)
3. Who enclosed the _____ with doors? (38:8)
5. Do you (Are you able to...) give the horse its might? Do you clothe his neck with a _____?
Do you make him _____ like the locust? (39:19-20; Read on through v. 25.)

GOD GIVES JOB A CHANCE TO RESPOND

God's invitation to Job to stand up and _____ his accusations (40:1-2).

Job's answer: I am _____; what can I _____ to You? I lay my hand on my _____ (40:3-4).

JOB'S CONFESSION: (42:1-6)

Summary of 42:1-6 = Job acknowledges that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and all that is in it, and that all moral authority is His alone. Job also admits he spoke out of ignorance of who he was questioning. He repents "in dust and ashes."

THREE QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP US: These questions were formed as a result of common accusations against God that He acted unfairly toward some people by not rewarding them for their good life---or that He was silent when they needed Him to speak---or that He hid Himself at times when He should let His presence be on display. Consider these questions:

- 1. Is God _____?** Why doesn't He consistently punish evil people and reward good people? The O.T. actually records a time when God used this method. It ended with Deut. 28:47-48.
- 2. Is God _____?** If He is so concerned about our doing His will, why doesn't He reveal that will more plainly? God did this also, but it eliminated their need for faith. That did not end well.
- 3. Is God _____?** Why doesn't He simply show up sometime, visibly, and dumbfound the skeptics once and for all? He did show up with Moses repeatedly and the Israelites were very aware. Also God came in the flesh (Our Lord Jesus) and that didn't go very well either.

TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MUST BE LIKE TO BE GOD

a. Putting God in a _____. b. What is _____ like? c. Why did God create _____?

LEARNING FROM JOB ABOUT FAITH

- Job's faith was victorious over _____ and Evil.
- A definition of _____.
- We are being counted on for our part in the great _____ between Good and Evil.