

415 ANCIENT QUESTIONS FOR MODERN MAN

QUESTIONS FROM JOB

Read Job 9:1-15:33

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I. CAN A MORTAL MAN BE RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD? 4:17, also 9:2 & 25:4 THE QUESTION OF JUSTIFICATION. (" = "more than")

1. THE PROBLEM OF JOB

- A. HIS PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS HAD BEEN QUESTIONED.
- B. HE SINCERELY DESIRED TO FIND GOD AND BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE HIM. 23:3, 4, "O, THAT I KNEW WHERE I MIGHT FIND HIM."
- C. HE HAD NO MEDIATOR: "NEITHER IS THERE ANY DAYSMAN BETWEEN US, THAT MIGHT LAY HIS HAND UPON BOTH OF US."

2. THE ANSWER OF PAUL

- A. ROMANS 3:24, JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE
- B. ROM. 3:28, JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.
- C. ROM. 5:9, JUSTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

3. OUR NEED TODAY. To experience God for oneself - 4:2:5

4. according to the mind of Christ,

not in our mind - Job 34:33

II. IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN? WILL HE CONTINUE TO LIVE? 14:14

THE QUESTION OF IMMORTALITY.

1. THE SHADY BELIEF OF JOB'S TIME. 19:25-27

2. THE INTIMATIONS OF HUMAN REASON & EXPERIENCE.

- A. NATURAL CURRENT OF HUMAN OPINION
- B. GREAT MINDS ARE STRONG IN AFFIRMATION OF IT.

C. CORRELATION BETWEEN DESIRE AND FULFILLMENT.

LONGING OF THE SOUL FOR LIFE,
THE HORROR AT THE THOUGHT OF EXTINCTION.

D. MENTAL THOUGHT CREATES SENSE OF CONTINUOUS LIFE.

... THERE IS WITHIN EACH A SENSE OF EXPECTANCY —
A DIVINE DISCONTENT.

F. WITHOUT IMMORTALITY THERE IS FAILURE IN THE HIGHER PURPOSE OF GOD RESPECTING THE RACE;

HERE GOD'S ENDS ARE INDICATED, BUT NOT REACHED.

G. JUSTICE IS NOT ALWAYS COMPLETED ON EARTH.

H. LOVE CANNOT TOLERATE THE THOUGHT OF ITS OWN END.

IT HAS BUT ONE SYMBOL — FOR EVER!

I. THE NEW LIFE OF SPRING AFTER THE DORMANT WINTER.

3. THE CERTAINTY OF DIVINE REVELATION.

A. THIS ALONE CAN GIVE A SATISFACTORY ANSWER ABOUT IMMORTALITY.

B. IN THE N.T. THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY ARE EXPLICITLY TAUGHT.

C. WITHOUT THE RES. GOD'S PLAN WOULD BE INCOMPLETE.

4. THE MEANING OF IMMORTALITY

A. IT MEANS THAT WE MUST LIVE SOMEWHERE FOREVER, AND WE HAD BETTER PREPARE FOR ETERNITY NOW.

B. IT MEANS THAT WE WILL MEET OUR SAVED LOVED ONES AGAIN, AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD.

III. WHY DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER?

THE QUESTION OF AFFLICTION.

1. JOB'S SUFFERING

- A. LOSS OF PROPERTY AND FAMILY, 1:13-22.
- B. LOSS OF HEALTH, 2:1-10
- C. LOSS OF HIS GOOD NAME (HIS FRIENDS ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A GREAT SINNER.)

2. JOB'S FAITH

- A. 23:10, "HE KNOWETH THE WAY THAT I TAKE; WHEN HE HATH TRIED ME I SHALL COME FORTH AS GOLD."
- B. 13:15, "THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST HIM."
- C. 1:21, "THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD."

3. JOB'S HUMILITY

- A. 42:6, "I ABHOR MYSELF, AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES."
- B. CONTRAST WITH HIS FORMER SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- C. "I UTTERED THAT I UNDERSTOOD NOT", V.3
- D. NOW HE IS READY AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO GOD, "DECLARE THOU UNTO ME."
- E. WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING COME FROM GOD, CH 28
WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM OF THE SUFFERING OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE PROSPERITY OF THE WICKED.

4. THE MEANING OF SUFFERING, AS SUGGESTED IN THIS BOOK

- A. SATAN IS ALLOWED TO TEST A GOODNESS THAT MAY BE ONLY A VENEER
- B. THE ARGUMENT OF THE FRIENDS THAT SUFFERING IS DUE TO PAST SIN THIS IS OFTEN TRUE, BUT NOT INVARIABLY SO.
- C. THE MOMENTARY SUGGESTION OF JOB THAT MAN SUFFERS BECAUSE OF THE INDIFFERENCE OF GOD. THIS VIEW IS SHOWN TO BE COMPLETELY WRONG.

- D. ELIHU'S SUGGESTION THAT SUFFERING IS OFTEN ALLOWED IN ORDER TO EDUCATE OR TRAIN, THAT THROUGH IT MEN MAY LEARN WHAT THEY WOULD NOT (THE ETERNAL GODNESS) OTHERWISE KNOW.
BY THIS JOB CAME TO HIS FAITH IN PERSONAL IMMORTALITY.

- E. JEHOVAH'S ANSWERS THAT SUFFERING SHOULD NOT PRODUCE REBELLION BUT AN INCREASED FAITH.

YOU SHOULD TRUST GOD TO DIRECT YOUR LIFE.

WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE MAY BE SURE THAT GOD CARES FOR HIS OWN.

Job's false comforters: Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar.

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