

God's Sovereignty

Spiritual Warfare



After 7 days Job breaks and speaks.

¹After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ²And Job said:

³“Let the day perish on which I was born,
and the night that said,
‘A man is conceived.’

⁴Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it,
nor light shine upon it.

⁵Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.
Let clouds dwell upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶That night—let thick darkness seize it!
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
let it not come into the number of the months.

⁷Behold, let that night be barren;
let no joyful cry enter it.

⁸Let those curse it who curse the day,
who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

⁹Let the stars of its dawn be dark;
let it hope for light, but have none,
nor see the eyelids of the morning,

¹⁰because it did not shut the doors of my mother's
womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes.

¹¹“Why did I not die at birth,
come out from the womb and expire?

¹²Why did the knees receive me?

Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

¹³For then I would have lain down and been quiet;
I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,

¹⁴with kings and counselors of the earth
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,

¹⁵or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.

¹⁶Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,
as infants who never see the light?

¹⁷There the wicked cease from troubling,
and there the weary are at rest.

¹⁸There the prisoners are at ease together;
they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

¹⁹The small and the great are there,
and the slave is free from his master.

²⁰“Why is light given to him who is in misery,
and life to the bitter in soul,
²¹who long for death, but it comes not,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
²²who rejoice exceedingly
and are glad when they find the grave?”

²³Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?

²⁴For my sighing comes instead of my bread,
and my groanings are poured out like water.

²⁵For the thing that I fear comes upon me,
and what I dread befalls me.

²⁶I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

Who caused Job's suffering?

God or Satan?

Neither.

When Adam & Eve willfully disobeyed God they broke the unity of righteousness, perfection, and holiness they shared with the Lord.

Why didn't He explain to them the consequences of disobedience?

It had to be this way if love was going to prevail.

**Man must be given free-will and then redeemed
from the consequences of His disobedience.**

The world given to man was no longer associated with God's perfection, righteousness, and holiness; all of creation was now separated from God and exists in fallen state of evil.

When man chose to be separate from God
we became evil we joined ourselves to the
fallen sons of God.

**Humanity cheated on God and started
sleeping with the enemy.**

**As for Satan and the other fallen angels, their
fates were sealed.**

A place called Hell, illustrated by the the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, would be their punishment in the Day of the Lord.

**There are two lockups for the unrighteous
until the Judgment of the Lord.**

Demons have the Abyss

Human (children of the devil) have Hades

Matthew 25:41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’

**Man brought suffering into the world by
existing apart from God.**

God is everything that is good.

Psalm 16:1 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

Although our sin - willful alienation from God cursed
all of creation, the Lord uses that suffering to reveal
His glory to the world.

**If the Lord is going to fix the world, why is He so slow
in doing it?**

Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

How do we endure?

How do we help someone?

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