

“When God Feels Distant”

1) The God Who Formed Us.

Job 10:8-12 “Your hands shaped me and formed me. Will You now turn and destroy me? ⁹Please remember that You formed me like clay. Will You now return me to dust? ¹⁰Did You not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? ¹¹You clothed me with skin and flesh, and wove me together with bones and tendons. ¹²You gave me life and faithful love, and Your care has guarded my life. (HCSB)

2) The Question of God’s Hidden Purpose.

Job 10:13-17 “Yet You concealed these thoughts in Your heart; I know that this was Your hidden plan:^[a] ¹⁴if I sin, You would notice,^[b] and would not acquit me of my wrongdoing. ¹⁵If I am wicked, woe to me! And even if I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head. I am filled with shame and aware of my affliction. ¹⁶If I am proud,^[c] You hunt me like a lion and again display Your miraculous power against me. ¹⁷You produce new witnesses^[d] against me and multiply Your anger toward me. Hardships assault me, wave after wave. (HCSB)

3) The Longing for Release.

Job 10:18-22 “Why did You bring me out of the womb? I should have died and never been seen. ¹⁹I wish^[a] I had never existed but had been carried from the womb to the grave. ²⁰Are my days not few? Stop it!^[b] Leave me alone, so that I can smile a little ²¹before I go to a land of darkness and gloom, never to return. ²²It is a land of blackness like the deepest darkness, gloomy and chaotic, where even the light is like^[c] the darkness.” (HCSB)