

THE BOOK OF JOB PART 6
“WHICH GOD DO YOU FOLLOW?”
SCRIPTURE: JOB 42; MATTHEW 10:37-39
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INTRODUCTION

- The real, deepest question Job is answering: Is God actually Good?
- Do we turn toward the grief and lean into God or run?
- Lessons we have learned from Job:
 - Predetermine our Response
 - Choose To Worship
 - We worship to remind ourselves that He is God and He is good.
 - Grieve Well - Not being afraid of wrestling with God and our current circumstance.
- Last week, God responds to Job one last time.

I. RESTORATION

- A lot of us like the ending of Job because God restored his fortunes.
- More restoration took place than Job’s possessions and the state of his life.
- Job has a restored perspective after his encounter with his Creator.
- Job 42:1-6, Then Job replied to the LORD: ²“I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me...”

- The only TRUE response when being exposed to the magnitude of God is repentance and humility.
- Isaiah 55:8, “...my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.”

II. NOW I’VE SEEN

- Job 42:5-6, “I had only heard...but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”
- Job’s perspective of God prior was unfounded, untrue about the character of God.
- All of Job’s rebuttals and claims against God come from limited information/scope.
- While still suffering, his new knowledge and insight into God moved him to a new place of trust and dependence.
- He learned to accept God on God’s terms, not on his own.

III. WHAT ABOUT US?

- Have we only heard of God?
- Have we yet to “see” Him, really come to know Him?
- A lot of us are struggling through life and have bitterness growing towards God.
- God is greater than we know to hope for.
- Who is the God we need??
 - Jesus: Christ or the Crucified Christ
- Matthew 10:37-39, “...If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine...”
- Jesus gives us purpose far beyond ourselves!

CLOSE

- What God will you follow when suffering comes?