

AND GOD ANSWERED JOB

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Thinking About Suffering with Faith and Truth, part 9

BIG IDEA: God speaks into our struggles & suffering in unexpected ways calling us to trust him—especially when we do not understand.

- ***Does God run his universe by the Law of Retribution? Do good, receive good. Do bad, receive bad.***
- ***Is God really good? And, does he run the universe in a good and just way?***

God calls out Job

Jet-tour of the Cosmos

Jet-tour of the earth Job knows

“Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!” **Job 40:1-2**

Job answered: “I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer— twice, but I will say no more.” **Job 40:3-5**

“Out of the whirlwind God said: “Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

“Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? Do you have an arm like God’s, and can your voice thunder like his?” **Job 40:6-9**

Theorize Job running the Cosmos...

“Unleash the fury of your wrath, look at all who are proud and bring them low, look at all who are proud and humble them, crush the wicked where they stand. Bury them all in the dust together; shroud their faces in the grave. Then I myself will admit to you that your own right hand can save you.” **Job 40:11-14**

Does God run his universe by the Law of Retribution? No.

Behemoth and Leviathan

“It ranks first among the works of God.” **40:19**

“No one is fierce enough to rouse it. Who then is able to stand against me? Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.” **Job 41:10-11**

“Nothing on earth is its equal— a creature without fear. It looks down on all that are haughty; it is king over all that are proud.” **Job 41:33-34**

1. God’s perspective is INFINITEL BROADER than ours—a transcendent perspective.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” **Isaiah 55:8-9**

2. Because God has an infinitely broader perspective and is active and involved in this wild and untamed creation, we can TRUST him.

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” **Job 13:15 NKJ**

Where is God calling you to trust him even when you do not understand?

3. We do not have to have ANSWERS to all our questions to trust God. “I don’t know”