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“Trust Rot”

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)

Here Come The “Whys?”

Job 3:11-12, 16, 20-23 – (11) “Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? (12) Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? (16) Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light? (20) Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, (21) who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, (22) who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? (23) Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?”

Job 10:2-3 – (2) “I will say to God, Do not condemn me; let me know why you contend against me. (3) Does it seem good to you to oppress, to despise the work of your hands and favor the designs of the wicked?”

Job 10:18-19 – (18) “Why did you bring me out from the womb? Would that I had died before any eye had seen me (19) and were as though I had not been, carried from the womb to the grave.”

Job 13:24 – “Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?”

Job 24:1 – “Why does the Almighty not set times for judgment? Why must those who know him look in vain for such days?” (NIV)

I Demand to Know

Job 13:3 – “But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God.”

Job 23:3-5 – (3) “Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! (4) I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. (5) I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.”

Job 31:35 – “Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary!”

Wish Granted

Job 38:1-4, 18 – (1) “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: (2) ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? (3) Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. (4) Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding... (18) Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.’”

A New Way of Thinking

Job 42:1-3 – (1) “Then Job replied to the LORD: (2) I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. (3) 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.” (NLT)

Be Content with some Mystery

Psalms 131:1-2 – (1) “O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great (wonderful) and too marvelous for me. (2) But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.”

1 Corinthians 13:12 – “Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.” (NLT)

Choose Quality over Quantity

Ecclesiastes 12:11-12 – (11) “The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. (12) My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.”

Job 28:28 – “And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Give it a Rest

Romans 12:2 – “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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