

Studies in Job

Job, “I repent in dust and ashes”

Job 42:1-6

I. God has unlimited power and an unstoppable purpose (42:1-2)

A. Job’s acceptance of God’s answer

B. Unlimited power

C. Unstoppable purpose

II. Job acknowledges his own finite wisdom (42:3)

A. He quotes Yahweh

B. Confession

III. Job acknowledges a clearer perspective (42:4-5)

A. I had heard of You by the hearing of the ears

B. But now my eyes see You

IV. Job despises and repents (42:6)

A. I despise (6a)

B. Repent in dust and ashes (6b)

WSC, Q/A 87. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, being truly aware of his sinfulness, understands the mercy of God in Christ, grieves for and hates his sins, and turns from them to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.

Conclusion

Job graduates summa cum laude from graduate school. Humbler and wiser, he is a trophy of God’s triumphing and preserving grace.