

Job 30:15-31

Job #5: Why? Why? Why?

Lingering questions ...

Q. *Why Do I Exist?*

A. Creature

A. Creator

Q. *What is My Relationship to God?*

A. Nature

A. Grace

Q. *How Do I Process Life?*

A. Vanity

A. Victory

Q. *Can I Trust Him with My Life?*

A. Good Times

A. Bad Times

Q. *Does it Matter How I Live?*

A. Eat, Drink, Be Merry

A. Gratefully Honor God

Q. *What Will Happen When I Die?*

A. Sheol or Worse

A. Paradise

... In a life lived for God.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why does Job ask God so many questions?
2. Where do we find answers to our questions about the ways of God?
3. When we don't have clear answers about hard things in life it is okay to ask God questions in prayer. What must we be very careful about when we do so?

O LORD, Why?

"Mine is not to question why, mine is just to do or die" – so the saying goes. While this is often true, and especially true when it comes to the clear directives of God, it is a platitude just like so much of the advice Job's friends offer him. But sometimes things just aren't clear and we become perplexed by some of the challenges we face in life. Dark providences can make it particularly difficult as we know that our God is sovereign. Thus, Job's many questions. His struggles are overwhelming and are causing great mental and spiritual upheaval. He asks his friends questions that are often tainted with sarcasm, but his questions to God are sober and direct. That said, he does stand on the edge, and may even cross the line into irreverence and even accusation in the intensity of his desperate inquiries. When God gives clear answers, we can rest in His revealed wisdom. When life is hard and His ways are veiled to us, we will have questions and we may and in fact must go to Him with them, but with all reverence and fear. In the end, whether we get answers or not we can rest assured that, somehow, all things are working out for our good – and that is not a platitude, that is a promise from God.