

Asking God Why?

The story of Job concludes with a simple but profound point: the human mind cannot comprehend the ways and plans of God (Job 38-42). Job wanted to know why he suffered, but in the end, he exclaimed, *“God’s ways are too wonderful for me to understand”* (Job 42:3).

When we’re hurting, we often cry out to God, asking, *Why?* However, our extremely limited perspective makes a complete reply impossible.

We see today – God sees, and oversees, forever. We have some limited understanding of what is happening around us – God knows and controls what is happening throughout the world, solar system, and universe.

Especially when times are difficult, and you desire to know the why, the challenge is to simply and fully trust Him. Time and time again, God has demonstrated His goodness and love for humanity (Rom. 5:8).

We may not know the why behind every situation we face, but we can know that God is aware, cares, *“does not leave nor forsake His people”* (Heb. 13:5b-6), and that *“the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort...comforts us in our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort [others] who are in affliction...”* (2 Cor. 1:3b-4a).

God is the great I AM.

Some years ago, the Hubble Space Telescope pointed toward an apparently empty section of space. With an incredible lens and extremely slow exposure settings, Hubble scanned the darkness. How small? Imagine an area about the size of the pinhead viewed at arm’s length against the night sky.

After many days, Hubble startled the world by showing there were at least 10,000 galaxies – each having an average 100,000,000 stars in that small grid of space! Millions of stars exist in that emptiness; we just didn’t see them at first glance.

Keep in mind that most of the world can only see a fraction of the stars in our own Milky Way Galaxy. Under exceptional conditions, the naked eye can only see the faint light of one galaxy beyond our own. The universe is comprised of so much more than we can see or imagine, and God is over it all. Colossians 1:1-17 notes:

“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

The God who made the heavens also made you. The God who holds the entire universe together will help you when all things seem to be falling apart. God’s power is great enough to address our problems – God’s grace is greater than our sin.

Watchmen are not exempt from hurt or suffering. In fact, when we accept the calling to be a Watchman, we become a favored target of the enemy. When times are difficult, trust in the Lord. Pray to the Lord. Praise the Lord. Commit your ways to the Lord. Persevere in the name of the Lord.

The wise and faithful will be blessed - in God's way and in His perfect time.