

SPECIAL WORDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE: OFFERING GRACE TO THE WEARY

WHAT JOB TEACHES US ABOUT OUR GOD

JOB 42



The Heart of the Matter

Humanity has questioned God's goodness for millennia, especially in the face of evil and suffering. "Why would a good God allow the Hebrews to remain in Egyptian bondage for more than 400 years?" "Why would a loving God order the destruction of the Canaanites when Joshua led troops into the Promised Land?" "How could a holy God call the adulterous David a man after His own heart?" And "How could a compassionate God allow righteous Job to suffer?" Job gives us insight into that question and teaches us seven truths about our God.



Discovering the Way

1. There Is Nothing God Cannot Do (Job 42:1–2)

Nothing is impossible for God.

2. It Is Impossible to Restrain or Nullify God's Purposes (42:2)

Nothing can alter or disrupt God's intentions.

3. God's Plans Are beyond Our Understanding and Too Deep for Us to Explain (42:3)

God doesn't always give answers, but He gives Himself—that is enough.

4. Only through God's Instruction Are We Able to Humble Ourselves and Rest in His Will (42:4–6)

Contrite hearts make no demands and have no expectations.

5. When the Day of Reckoning Arrives, God Is Always Fair (42:7–9)

All of God's accounts are not settled at the end of the month, according to our timetable.

6. No One Can Be Compared to God When It Comes to Blessings (42:10–15)

God pours out His blessings because He pours out His grace.

7. Only God Can Fill Our Final Years with Divine Music That Frees Us to Live above Our Circumstances (42:16–17)

Truth comes through suffering, and truth sets us free.



Starting Your Journey

Where are you today? In a difficult place? Review these seven principles that teach us about our God and apply the ones you need to your situation.

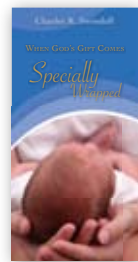


Tools for Digging Deeper



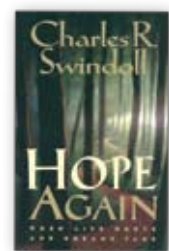
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