

Job – Week 5

Responding to our Powerful God

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Question: How do we respond to a powerful and loving God?! – Job 42

Job 42:1-6

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.

⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.’

⁵ I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

⁶ I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

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1. Our God Is So Powerful, Healthy Fear Is The Appropriate Response.

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Job 42:5-6

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but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

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2. Our God Is So Loving, His Gift To Us Is Grace.

Job 42:16-17

¹⁶ Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and

grandchildren. ¹⁷ Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.

Romans 3:23-28

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

“We too often see grace as “God’s riches at Christ’s expense.” To me grace is “God’s response after crappy experiences!” Grace is God rolling up his sleeves and engaging in our lives!”

~ Rev. Dennis Thum

Harvey Penick's Little Red Book

3. Our God Is So In Control: Obedience Is Our Right Response.

Job 42:7b-8

^{7b} “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has. ⁸ So take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.”