

Faith In The Storm part 8

Job 9:1-10:22

The Title Of The Message: “No Mediator For Me”

The Key Word: Mediator

The Thought: Without Jesus to go before us we will always be doomed because we have no defense for our sin.

The Breakdown:

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Verses 1-22 Righteousness And Power

Job 9:1-2 NKJV - Then Job answered and said: 2 NKJV - "Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before God?"

Then Job answered... In answering Bildad’s charges Job acknowledges that he is right, God is good, He is fair, He is righteous, God is just. This is amazing on the part of Job because many who have gone through far less than Job has, have accused God of being unfair or unjust, they have asked questions that are meant to put doubt in the hearts of people, how can a God of love send people to hell? Or how can a God of Love allow children to suffer, How can a God of love allow wars that hurt innocent people? The insinuation is that either He is not just or fair. This

argument is an old argument that has its roots in the garden when Satan brought it up with Eve when she said that they couldn't eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Satan countered with did God really say that? Wow! Well the reason He doesn't want you to eat it is because He knows that you will be just like Him, God isn't fair or He would have let you eat that fruit a long time ago.

Genesis 3:5

So people still say today how can God send someone to her who hasn't heard about Jesus? The word of God teaches that all men will be held accountable for what they know not for what they do not know, at the same time when we read through Romans 1 we see that God has put certain things within the hearts and minds of man to know even the God head. Because the word teaches that God is just and fair He in His infinite wisdom will know how to deal with people like this, but that isn't our problem, our problem is that we know just like Job the question is what will I do with what I know.

James 4:17 (NKJV) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Job 9:3-13 NKJV - If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand. 4 NKJV - God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? 5 NKJV - He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger; 6 NKJV - He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble; 7 NKJV - He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; 8 NKJV - He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea; 9 NKJV - He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south; 10 NKJV - He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number. 11 NKJV - If He goes by me, I do not see Him; If He moves past, I do not perceive Him; 12 NKJV - If He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?' 13 NKJV -

God will not withdraw His anger, The allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.

If one wished to contend with Him... Job says I know that God is good and just that isn't my problem, my problem is how can I as a mere mortal be able to argue against Him? He is all wise, He is mighty, He's removes mountains and He shakes the earth, He's the one who created the bear, Orion and Pleiades, He walks on the sea!

He does great things... Job goes on to say that God does great things, things that we have no clue about, He is able to go by him without him knowing it!

King David would say something similar but coming from a different perspective, Job speaks these things out of a sense of helplessness about his situation but David says these things out of a sense of blessing, God had sent Nathan the prophet back to David because Nathan told David it was okay to build God a house that is the Temple but God had said to David, no, you can't because your a man of war. But I will build a house for you, and your throne will be forever speaking of the messiah that would come through him, both men are speaking from overwhelming circumstances.

Psalm 8:3–4 (NKJV) 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Job 9:14-18 NKJV - "How then can I answer Him, And choose my words to reason with Him? 15 NKJV - For though I were righteous, I could not answer Him; I would beg mercy of my Judge. 16 NKJV - If I called and He answered me, I would not believe that He was listening to my voice. 17 NKJV - For He crushes me with a tempest, And multiplies my wounds without cause. 18 NKJV - He will not allow me to catch my breath, But fills me with bitterness.

How then can I answer Him... Job realizes and recognizes that he himself has no chance even if he could go before the Lord what would he say? What words could he use to reason with God? Even if he were righteous he says I couldn't answer Him, instead I would have to beg for mercy.

If I called and He answered me... Job feels that God is against him because of what he's going through, and because of that he says if I called out to God and he answered I wouldn't believe that He was listening because I feel like I'm being crushed, like I can't get a breath, and does this without a cause, it would be one thing if I did something but I haven't done anything!

Job 9:19-22 NKJV - If it is a matter of strength, indeed He is strong; And if of justice, who will appoint my day in court? 20 NKJV - Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me; Though I were blameless, it would prove me perverse. 21 NKJV - "I am blameless, yet I do not know myself; I despise my life. 22 NKJV - It is all one thing; Therefore I say, 'He destroys the blameless and the wicked.'

If it is a matter of strength... In answer to Bildad and Eliphaz he says if I have done wrong fine are you going to set up a day so I can go to court? Even if I did have my day in court what am I going to say? My own words would make me guilty, even though I'm blameless I still look perverse, I'm blameless yet I don't know myself, Job says that God is treating the righteous and the wicked the same way.

Romans 8:33–34 (NKJV) 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Verses 23-35 Job's Complaint

Job 9:23-26 NKJV - If the scourge slays suddenly, He laughs at the plight of the innocent. 24 NKJV - The earth is given into the hand of the wicked. He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, who else could it be? 25 NKJV - "Now my days are swifter than a runner; They flee away, they see no good. 26 NKJV - They pass by like swift ships, Like an eagle swooping on its prey.

If the scourge slays suddenly... Job feels like God is not only far away but that He's playing games with him, and that God has shown favor to the wicked, we should remember that Job knows nothing about what had happened behind the scenes and so doesn't know why he's been suffering, and his suffering we see is starting to mess with his mind and twist the truth.

A.W. Tozer has this insight for us to consider, "The most important thing about you is what comes into your mind when you think of God." -A.W. Tozer

Satan, the flesh and the world are trying constantly to twist what you think about God into something ungodly, something that is humanist by nature. To think that God would be sitting on His throne mocking those who are hurting is twisted, to believe that God takes pleasure in the suffering of those He created is what Satan wants you to believe, but God says this...

Ezekiel 18:32 (NKJV) For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

Ezekiel 18:23 (NKJV) Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord God, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV) Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

Now if this is the way He feels about the death of wicked people how much more does He care for those who love and obey Him?

Matthew 6:25–33 (NKJV) 25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Job 9:27-35 NKJV - If I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad face and wear a smile,' 28 NKJV - I am afraid of all my sufferings; I know that You will not hold me innocent. 29 NKJV - If I am condemned, Why then do I labor in vain? 30 NKJV - If I wash myself with snow water, And cleanse my hands with soap, 31 NKJV - Yet You will plunge me into the pit, And my own clothes will abhor me. 32 NKJV - "For He is not a man, as I am, That I may answer Him, And that we should go to court together. 33 NKJV - Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both. 34 NKJV - Let Him take His rod away from me, And do not let dread of Him terrify me. 35 NKJV - Then I would speak and not fear Him, But it is not so with me.

If I say... Basically Job says it doesn't do me any good to try to pretend everything is okay because I know God will still say I'm not innocent!

And if I'm condemned why am I going through the motions of trying to be clean? God isn't a man like me! I can't take Him to court and sue Him or prove my innocence, I don't have a mediator who can explain His position to me and my position to Him, I wish He would take away His rod and dread so that I wouldn't be afraid of being able to speak to Him.

What Job wanted was someone who could represent him before the Lord someone who is wise and has the words to say that he lacked that would be able to argue that he is innocent. Today we have what Job wanted so badly at this this time.

1 Timothy 2:3–6 (NKJV) 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time...

David Guzik points out what a mediator does...

- **The mediator must be accepted by both parties.**
 - **The mediator must be allowed to fully settle the case.**
 - **The mediator must be someone able to relate to both parties.**
 - **The mediator must have the desire to see a happy settlement.**
- Pastor David Guzik**

Verses 10:1-12 Job's Questions

Job 10:1 NKJV - "My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 NKJV - I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.

Job 10:3 NKJV - Does it seem good to You that You should oppress, That You should despise the work of Your hands, And smile on the counsel of the wicked? 4 NKJV - Do You have eyes of flesh? Or do You see as man sees? 5 NKJV - Are Your days like the days of a mortal man?

Are Your years like the days of a mighty man, 6 NKJV - That You should seek for my iniquity And search out my sin, 7 NKJV - Although You know that I am not wicked, And there is no one who can deliver from Your hand?

My soul loathes my life... getting tired of looking for answers Job goes back to hating his life, that's it he says I'm just going to go head on and complain!

I will say to God... Job says to Bildad I'm going to tell God not to condemn me but show me why you are coming against me! Is it right to oppress and despise the work of your hands Lord, and be okay with what the wicked are doing? Lord can you see the way we see? Do you have days like we do, and are your years set in stone like ours? Is this why your searching out my sin? You know I'm not wicked, but who is supposed to help me get away from your judgment?

Job 10:8-12 NKJV - 'Your hands have made me and fashioned me, An intricate unity; Yet You would destroy me. 9 NKJV - Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again 10 NKJV - Did You not pour me out like milk, And curdle me like cheese, 11 NKJV - Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews? 12 NKJV - You have granted me life and favor, And Your care has preserved my spirit.

Your hands have made me... Job goes on to say Lord your the one who made me yet you want to destroy me, please remember Lord that I'm nothing but dust! And that's what I'll be when I die, nothing but dust.

Psalms 103:14 (NKJV) For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Sometimes we forget that we are nothing but dust, but God doesn't, sometimes we think we are more than we really are, or that we can

accomplish more than we really can, or that we have done more than we really have, that we are better than we really are, and so we get a little prideful and arrogant, and self confident, and then because of His great love for you and for me He comes in and pops that bubble we have made for ourselves and brings us back to reality! And there we sit going man Lord what happened? Look I blew it again, I've failed! Why did this happen? And the Lord says because you forgot your nothing but dust, you didn't do these things, the reason you are what you are, or have accomplished what you have accomplished was because of Me, not because of you but in-spite of you.

Verses 13-22 The Finite Vs. The Infinite

Job 10:13-17 NKJV - 'And these things You have hidden in Your heart; I know that this was with You: 14 NKJV - If I sin, then You mark me, And will not acquit me of my iniquity. 15 NKJV - If I am wicked, woe to me; Even if I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head. I am full of disgrace; See my misery! 16 NKJV - If my head is exalted, You hunt me like a fierce lion, And again You show Yourself awesome against me. 17 NKJV - You renew Your witnesses against me, And increase Your indignation toward me; Changes and war are ever with me.

And these things You have hidden... Job in his frustration of not knowing why this was going on tells the Lord, I can't win! If I'm wicked you get after me, if I'm righteous you still get after me maybe even a little worse, in our walks with the Lord sometimes it feels that way, like we can't do anything right, early in my walk I felt like and even heard others say that it would be better if they went back to the way things were, because of all the problems they were experiencing, at least they could get high or drunk or do what they pleased at least they had a reason for suffering, forgetting that our reward for suffering as righteous people, means that we can be in the presence of the Lord. God never promised we would have problems just that He would be with us in the midst of those problems.

Job 10:18-22 NKJV - 'Why then have You brought me out of the womb? Oh, that I had perished and no eye had seen me! 19 NKJV - I would have been as though I had not been. I would have been carried from the womb to the grave. 20 NKJV - Are not my days few? Cease! Leave me alone, that I may take a little comfort, 21 NKJV - Before I go to the place from which I shall not return, To the land of darkness and the shadow of death, 22 NKJV - A land as dark as darkness itself, As the shadow of death, without any order, Where even the light is like darkness.' “

Why then have You brought me out... Again because he had no hope of a mediator he ask why did you allow me to be born Lord? It would have been better if I would have died! I don't have that long to live Lord, can you just leave me alone? When we look at this we can believe that what Job is saying is sinful but in fact it is not, these are honest feelings because he knows he has no one that he can depend on, his friends absolutely knew that he was suffering because he was in sin, and there was no way for Job to prove that he wasn't, plus he had no one to go before him.

Psalm 23:4 (NKJV) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Application:

- 1. We can be thankful because we have a mediator.**
- 2. We can be thankful because in our suffering God is with us.**
- 3. We can be thankful because no matter what people say God knows we are dust and He loves us anyway.**