

Let God Be God
False Accusations
Job 22-26

While we tend to think that the cruelty and hatred towards differing ideas that we see in our society is unprecedented, we need to know that it is not. Name-calling and uncivilized discourse have taken place ever since the fall of man. People have been ignoring facts and lying to push their agenda and support their narrative since the beginning of time. It just seems like it is worse now because it is happening in our time.

1. Satan wants us to think that our _____ reflect God's attributes.
2. Satan wants us to _____ God of being unfair and unjust.
3. Satan wants us to become _____ with his accusations.

Two unanswerable questions:

Why is God _____ when we need Him?

Why is God _____ when He should speak?

There are mysteries of God that no human mind can fully explore. We can catch glimpses of His omnipotence and omniscience, but our theology can never fully grasp or contain Him. Our infinite God will never fit into the finite little box of human understanding. Job's sufferings have magnified his view of God. Likewise, God uses our sufferings and our afflictions to help us better understand His grace and mercy.

Reflection

In chapter 24, Job asks questions about injustice that are similar to the types of questions asked today. Why is it significant that Job doesn't focus solely on his own circumstances here? What does this say about how we are to respond to injustice in our world? Have you ever been "ganged up on" by friends who meant well but ended up making you feel worse? What role does your relationship with God play in your response to situations like that? How do you stand strong in your faith when others challenge you? Do you find it easy to say, "God is good" when things are going well? Do you ever think the same when things don't go the way you had hoped or planned? How does the way you view God's participation in your daily life affect the way you live out your faith?