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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **THE ANSWER THAT JOB NEVER HEARD**

In the book of Job, a good man suffers total disaster. He loses all of his children and property and is afflicted with a repulsive disease.

Three of his friends came to see him and tried to convince him he was suffering all this because of his sins! But Job did not understand why God allowed these cruel things to happen to him when he had been a faithful and righteous man but he still did not curse God but he boldly challenged God for an answer!

After days of useless conversation with what he thought were his friends, God finally appears and addresses Job! The first words of God to Job are different according to the bible your reading but have the same meaning. The way I understand it after reading these translations is **“Does God have a valid critic?”**

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?”
found in [**NIV**] bible

And God speaks for the next three chapters overwhelming Job with a poetic picture of his divine power and wisdom.

*And when God had finished, Job said, **“You told me to listen while you spoke and to try to answer your questions. In the past I knew only what others had told me, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. So I am ashamed of all I said and repent in dust and ashes.”*** This is found at the book of **Job, Chapter 42: verses 4-6**]

At **Chapter 42: verse 10**: it says, *“And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job “twice as much as he had before.” . . . **verse 12**: says, “Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning”; and **verse 13**: says, “He also had seven sons and three daughters” . . . and **verse 15**: says, “In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.”* And **verses 16 and 17**: says, *“After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. So Job died, old and full of days.”*

There is much support to the claim that the Book of Job was written by Moses. While Moses received the **Ten Commandments** from God and led the Hebrews for forty years in the desert before entering the “Promised Land”, God also had an *“Egyptian educated Moses”*, write the first five books of the bible called **“The Torah.”** There are places in the book of Job that gives hints that the writer was familiar with the Egyptian life style and describes the image of God as *“The Creator”*, and that fits with Moses’ **God of Creation** story in the book of Genesis.

Among the stories of creation from many religions around the world, Jesus proved that the story of creation from the Holy Bible was **valid!** He actually came and lived among mankind! The Apostles who lived with Jesus for three years saw the many people who were healed and knew only God the Creator could heal and fix what He created! They were there and served the thousands that were fed by two fish and five loaves of bread! And they knew, He didn't even need the fish or the loaves of bread. **Just by His words and His actions,** He could even raise the dead to life because **His will is done! Always.**

Jesus proved to His Apostles and His followers that He rose from the dead and stayed with them forty days after His resurrection!

I don't remember seeing any explanation of **WHY** God allowed the devil to what he did to Job. God may have told him later of or maybe not at all.

The apostle Paul states clearly why God allows good or bad to happen to us in the book of **Romans, Chapter 8: verse 28. (NIV)**

We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him and are chosen to be a part of His plan.

Jesus gave the answer to His apostles in the **book of John, Chapter 9.**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered,

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. [Another way to explain this is "this happened so that Jesus would be glorified and people would believe that this was God's Son."]

After Jesus had healed him, some people who knew this man had a hard time believing that this was the same man they knew. They asked him how he was healed and he told them, "A man called Jesus had healed him." They brought that man who had been blind to the Pharisees.

It was the Sabbath and the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. The man who had been blind told them that Jesus had healed him and they said, "This man [Jesus] is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath. *[It was against the law to heal on the Sabbath!]*

Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such things?" And there was a division among them. They asked the blind man about him and he said, *"He is a prophet."*

The Jews did not believe this man was ever blind and they called his parents and said, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that he is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. *He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."* *His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that Jesus was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.*

So they again called the man who was blind and they said to him, *"Give God the glory! We know this man is a sinner."*

He answered and said, *"Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know; that though I was blind, now I see."*

Then they said to him again, *"What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"*

He answered them, *"I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"*

They became angry with him and said, *"You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses, as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."*

The man answered and said to them, *"Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from and yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."*

They answered and said to him, *"You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?"* And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, *"Do you believe in the Son of God?"*

He answered and said, *"Who is He, Lord that I may believe in Him?"*

And Jesus said to him, *"You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."*

Then he said, *"Lord I believe!"* And he worshiped Him.

And Jesus said, *"For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."*

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, *"Are we blind also?"*

Jesus said to them, *"If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."*

In the **book of Jeremiah, Chapter 29: verse 11**, God says, ***“For I know the plans I have for you – plans to prosper you and not to harm you . . . plans to give you hope and a future.”***

This is the answer that Job never heard to his question and all of our questions about **WHY!**

In the **book of Isaiah, Chapter 55: verses 8-9**, God says,

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

So are My ways higher than your ways,

And My thoughts than your thoughts

And the way I understood the first words I read, that God said to Job: ***“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?”*** appeared to say: ***Does God have a valid critic?***

And I have to say that everyone on this Earth is a critic of God! Until we make the decision to trust ***‘our Creator’*** and ***‘His Word made flesh named Jesus’*** by the power of ***‘His Holy Spirit’***, and turn our lives over to Him.

Is our criticism valid? No! It’s how we protect and stay in our sinful nature! It’s only when we decide to turn away from our sins and follow His ways that we stop being His critics.

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these ***Bible Seeds***: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the PDFs for ***Storyline Of The Bible*** and ***Quotes and Stories from Jesus***. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

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