

## Why Are You Being So Unfair – (Job 10)

Job asks God four questions

- I. Why are You Against Me? (1-3)
  - A. Job Hates His Life (1a)
    1. He is under torment and judgment
    2. He is experiencing nothing but anguish
  - B. Job is Determined to Bring His Complaint to God (1b-2a)
    1. I will freely lodge my complaint
    2. I will complain from the bitterness of my soul
    3. I will beg God not to Condemn me
      - a. Have you ever felt like this?
      - b. Of course Job doesn't have all the information
      - c. Job is wrong in much of what he says here
      - d. Job is speaking from unreserved pain and fear
      - e. Job is still speaking to God – at the root He still believes
  - C. Job Questions God's Punishment (2b-3)
    1. Job asks to know why God fights him (2b)
    2. Job asks if God enjoys oppressing his children (3)
- II. Why are You Unfairly Examining Me? (4-7)
  - A. Job asks why God is Energetically seeking out his sin (4-6)
    1. Why is God looking at Job as a man does
      - a. Job knows God sees his heart
      - b. Job understands that God is not judging by his heart
    2. Why is God spending his days seeking to punish Job?
      - a. Job wonders if God is using his time to focus on Job
      - b. Job wonders if God is focused only on finding Job's sin
  - B. Job asks Why God is being so unfair (7)
    1. Job asserts that God knows He is not guilty
    2. Job asserts that despite his innocence, no one can deliver him
      - a. Since God is all powerful, if He chooses to destroy Job no one can help him even if he is innocent
- III. Why Did You Create Me just to Suffer? (8-17)
  - A. Job Criticizes God for creating Him just for suffering (8-14)
    1. You created me for destruction (8-9)
      - a. He understands that God created him
      - b. He understands that God has destroyed him
        - i. He is not under the delusion that God has nothing to do with the events of the world
        - ii. Job is wallowing in self-pity and questioning God's purposes
        - iii. This is very common for people enduring intense suffering.
        - iv. What is the point? Why did you even create me?
        - v. You made me of clay just to return me to the dust
    2. Job Recognizes that God alone created him (10-11)

- a. Job rightly assesses that God created him alone
      - b. There is no one else who rules – God is in control so He is responsible
    - 3. Job Remembers God's Kind love and Care (12)
      - a. There was once a time when Job felt God's protection
      - b. Job was once cared for and loved
      - c. Job was once preserved by God
    - 4. Job Accuses God of playing Games with him (13)
      - a. Job believes God planned his suffering even in the midst of His care
      - b. It seemed like God was a loving creator but all this time it was just leading up to destruction
    - 5. Job Despairs in his situation (14)
      - a. Now that God has tormented him, He will never acquit him of guilt
      - b. Job feels as if God has picked him out and is closely watching him for any infraction
      - c. Job believes God will take advantage of Job's sin to pronounce guilt on him
  - B. Job Despairs Because He has no way of Escape (15-17)
    - 1. Even if Job is Innocent He will be Disgraced (15a)
      - a. If I am guilty then woe to me
        - i. Job understands that guilt will rightly bring the condemnation he is experiencing
      - b. If I am innocent I still cannot lift up my head
        - i. Job understands that even if he is not guilty there is no hope from his disgrace
    - 2. Job believes God would condemn him even if he is innocent (15b-17)
      - a. Even if Job's head was lifted up (he was vindicated) God would still hunt him down and punish him (16)
        - i. Here Job begins to attack the very character of God
      - b. Job believes God would bring new "troops" against him if he were cleared of his present suffering
- IV. Why Won't You Just Kill Me? (18-22)
- A. Job Regrets the Day he Was Born (18-19)
    - 1. Job questions God's creating him
      - a. Why did you let me be born just for this?
      - b. Why didn't you let me die before I had ever known goodness
  - B. Job Pleads to Enjoy the Little Time He has left (20-22)
    - 1. Job wants God to "Leave him alone" because his days are few
      - a. He wants to hide from God
      - b. He wants God to remove His holy and just presence
      - c. He thinks this will bring him happiness finally

2. Job desires nothing more than light and joy before he returns to the darkness of the grave

Job is in deep in despair and even questioning God's purposes but even in the midst of the darkest time of his life, he is still crying out to God for peace, joy, and release from his suffering.