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Daily Devotional

DAY 10



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Job 24 - 28

Where Is Wisdom Found?

Job has been in this conversation for a long time now. He has listened to his friends explain his suffering from every angle they have. He has pushed back. He has defended himself. He has cried out to God. And somewhere in the middle of all that noise, today's reading arrives at something quieter and more searching than anything that has come before it.

The question underneath chapters 24 through 28 is not “why does Job suffer?” anymore. The question is older and bigger than that. It is: where is wisdom found? And does anyone - Job, his friends, anyone at all - actually have it?

Wisdom is not the same as knowledge. You can know a great deal about God and still be very far from wisdom. Job's friends have proved that across twenty-three chapters.

Chapter 24 is Job still pressing on the wound from yesterday - the prosperity of the wicked, the suffering of the innocent. He describes what he sees with unflinching honesty: people stealing land, driving away the poor man's donkey, taking the widow's ox as a pledge. The

fatherless child snatched from the breast. The poor forced to glean in fields that aren't theirs, shivering at night without clothing, sheltering in caves.

Job is not detached when he describes this. He is angry. And his anger is not a symptom of his suffering - it is the anger of a man who has spent his life caring for the poor and cannot understand why the God he trusts allows what he sees.

Righteous anger at injustice is not the absence of faith. It is what faith looks like when it takes the world seriously.

Then Bildad speaks for the last time in chapter 25 - and his final speech is surprisingly short. Six verses. After everything, after all the arguments, he ends with one idea: God is so great that even the stars are not pure in His sight. How much less a human being. How much less a worm.

- He ran out of things to say. But he couldn't bring himself to admit it. So he said something large and true and completely unhelpful, and sat down.

Job's response in chapter 26 is one of the most breathtaking passages in the book. He does not argue with Bildad's theology. He takes it and he raises it, verse by verse, into something vast. He speaks of God stretching the north over empty space, suspending the earth over nothing, wrapping water in clouds, drawing a circle on the face of the deep, holding back the face of the full moon. The pillars of heaven tremble at His rebuke. He stills the sea. He strikes

down the fleeing serpent. And then - after this sweeping, soaring description of God's power across all creation - Job says something quietly devastating:

*“And these are but the outer fringe of his works;
how faint the whisper we hear of him!”*

- Job 26:14

Everything we can see of God - in creation, in Scripture, in the moments when heaven seems closest - is only the outer fringe. The whisper. What lies at the centre of who He is has not yet been revealed to any human eye.

That should not make God feel further away. It should make the glimpses we do have feel more precious. If the whisper is this beautiful, what must the full voice sound like?

Chapter 27 is Job's oath. He swears by the living God - the very God he has been arguing with, the very God he cannot find - that he will not speak falsehood, that he will maintain his integrity until his dying breath. He has been accused of sin. He has been pressured to confess. And he refuses. Not out of pride, but out of an honesty that costs him everything and that he cannot surrender even to make the pain stop.

There are things worth holding onto even when letting go would bring relief. Your integrity is one of them. Job knew that. He held it through fire.

And then chapter 28 arrives. And everything goes still.

It reads differently from everything around it. The arguments stop. The accusations stop. The defending and the rebutting and the grief - all of it pauses. And in the silence, a poem about wisdom begins.

Job describes how human beings reach into the earth for its treasures. They sink shafts into the ground. They hang suspended in midair working the rock. They cut channels through stone. They dam up the streams. The human capacity to find what is hidden in the earth is extraordinary. Gold, silver, iron, copper - we know how to get to it.

But wisdom, Job says, is not there. You cannot mine it. You cannot buy it. The deep says it is not in me. The sea says the same. It cannot be valued in gold or silver. It is beyond rubies, beyond topaz, beyond coral, beyond crystal. You cannot put a price on it because it does not belong to any economy you have access to.

*“Where then does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell?”*

- Job 28:20

And the answer, when it comes, is not complicated. It is not the conclusion of a long argument. It is simply this:

*“The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom,
and to shun evil is understanding.”*

- Job 28:28

After twenty-eight chapters of some of the most sophisticated theological argument in all of Scripture - after all the speeches and rebuttals and questions and accusations and declarations - it comes down to this. The fear of the Lord. Not information about God. Not a framework that explains suffering. Not a theology that makes everything make sense. A posture. A way of standing before God that says: You are God and I am not, and that is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be lived inside of.

The wisest thing you can do today is not to understand more. It is to fear more - to stand in reverence before a God who is vaster than your questions, and trust that He is good. Speak this over yourself today:

*I do not need to understand everything to trust the One
who understands all things.*

*What I have seen of God is only the outer fringe.
And even the fringe is enough to make me fall to my knees.*

TOMORROW - Day 11 Job 29-31

Job is about to do something that will break your heart open a little. He remembers. He looks back at the life he had before - the honour, the friendship, the sense of God's presence - and he mourns it. Come back tomorrow, because what he says next is something every person who has ever felt God's absence will recognise.



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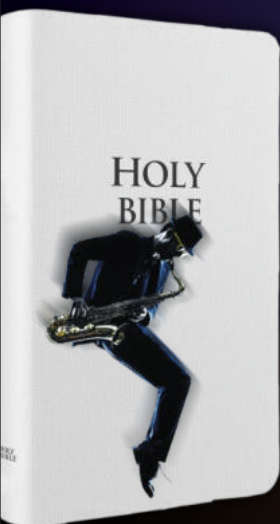
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— Psalm 150:6



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