

IN THE EYE OF THE STORM – “DRESS FOR ACTION” #5

Read Job 30:15-31 and 31:5-12

1. Here are two passages that sum up Job’s feelings in chapters 29-31. How does Job feel about:

- a. His suffering? -
- b. Himself? -
- c. God? –

(“The debate that has raged since chapter 3 is over. Each side now rests its case. All that is left is for the judge to hand down his verdict. Dress for action.”)

2. God now speaks. Look back over God’s first speech in chapters 38 – 39.

- a. What does God speak about? –
- b. Why do you think God speaks like this? –

3. At the conclusion of the first speech, God demands an answer from “he who argues with God” -that is, Job (40:1-2). Job doesn’t know what to say, and offers no real answer at all. In response, God then begins a second speech, promising that “I will question you, and you make it known to me.” (40:7)

- a. What basic criticism does God make of Job in 40:8-14?

4. Read Job’s response to God’s speech in Job 42:1-6

- a. What effect to God’s speeches have on Job?
- b. What exactly do you think Job is repenting of?
- c. What good thing comes out of the way God speaks to Job? (42:5)

IMPLICATIONS

1. Read the following Bible passages and write down how they provide positive examples of how to relate to God during difficult times.

- Psalm 57
- Lamentations 3:19-33
- Habakkuk 3:17-19
- Luke 22:39-46

2. What are some practical things we can do that might help prevent us from becoming embittered when we suffer?

3. In Job 42:2, we read that “no purpose of yours can be thwarted”. How does this help us deal with suffering and relate rightly to God?