

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Job Series

These questions are for the **March 17, 2019** sermon, "The Arbiter's Hand." Please read the sermon passage (Job 9:1-35) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE EXPLORE THE JUDICIAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN SUFFERING, NOTE . . .

1. The connection between God and creation (1-12)
 - a. God is incomparable. He has no rivals; no equals. (3)
 - b. God is all wise, so that no one could ever educate or enlighten him. (4)
 - c. God is all powerful, creating the material universe with his very words (5-6)
 - d. God is the sovereign authority over everything (7-11)
 - i. We make it our aim to submit to him. He is faithful and true!
 - ii. He passes (comes and go) and we do not perceive (11)
 - iii. He sets things in place and removes them (12), and no one can question him.
2. The connection between God and mediation (25-35)
 - a. Job's lament: "If only there were an arbiter between God and me!"
 - i. Suffering can cause us to isolate ourselves from God in doubt and fear.
 - ii. Will we trust him if there are no material blessings? Is *he* enough?
 - b. You cannot take God to court, as if he were your equal.
 - c. The need for an arbiter is not limited to Job . . .
 - i. One who is perfect, as God is, and can represent God to man judicially.
 - ii. One who is human, as we are, who can represent man to God judicially.
 - iii. Jesus is the perfect God-man, our arbiter, who mediates perfectly!
 - iv. 1 Timothy 2:5-6

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Creation is an ever-present, observable and examinable marker, always testifying to the wisdom and strength of the God who designed and created. What aspects of creation produce awe and wonder in your heart and soul? Why should you observe and study the created world more? Do you talk about God's created world with conviction and certainty?
2. Based on #1, above: Job's point in 9:1-12 seems to be, "Of course God is right in all he does, including allowing my suffering, but I still want to talk to him about my suffering." If you could talk to God about your suffering, where would you start? How does the majesty of the created world direct your thinking, questions and worship?
3. Based on #2, above: There is an arbiter between God and you, who is Jesus Christ. Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. Jesus is God, and he has "put his hand" on God the Father (9:33). Jesus is incomparable, all-wise, all-powerful and possesses all authority, and he has brought God to you in such a way that you are not consumed or destroyed. How does that reality produce awe, wonder, humility, gratitude and love in your heart?
4. Based on #2, above: Jesus is man, and he perfectly fulfilled the law in every way for you. How does this reality produce confidence, worship, repentance, gratitude and love in your heart?