

## **Will I Ever Be Able to Understand God's Ways? (Part One)**

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Do you know about Job and what happened to him? If so, there might be times when you feel like arguing with God. You want to say to God, "Here is a man I feel was used by You and Satan, and I don't understand why. Job was a righteous man who loved You with all his heart. He had a beautiful family, good health and a lot of possessions, but You let Satan murder his children and servants along with his flocks and herds. God, why did you let so much bad stuff happen to such a good guy?"

In spite of all of these bad things that happened in Job's life, you should know that eventually God blessed Job for his faithfulness with more than he ever had before. But how did Job hang in there, because he didn't know what the future held? I don't know, but can I believe that if God had not forgotten about Job, then He won't forget about me?

When we have bad days we often say to God, "God, what is the purpose behind this?" We just wish God would print us out His agenda for our life and mail it to us, so we could just see the outcome. Moses would have loved to see the whole agenda about how God was going to get the Israelites out of Egypt and into the promised land. And what about Daniel when he faced the den of lions? What about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they faced the fiery furnace? What about Abraham when he took his son up the mountain to sacrifice him to God? "God, what is your plan here?"

You and I can sit around and contemplate what God's plan or will is for our life. We can try to reason it out and come up with our conclusions as to why certain things are happening in our life. It may very well remain a mystery to us as to why God lets certain things happen. Notice these scripture verses:

Proverbs 25:2 - "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter."

Deuteronomy 29:29 - "The secret things belong to the Lord our God."

Ecclesiastes 11:5 - "As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."

Isaiah 55:8-9 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

As a father I did not have to explain everything in detail to my children. There were times when I had to say, "Just trust me, or it is better that you do not know." And I can guarantee you that any decision I made for them was going to be in their best favor. It's the same with our Heavenly Father.

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