

Will I Ever Be Able to Understand God's Ways? (Part Two)

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In the midst of Job's inability to understand God's ways, Job said in Job 23:10, "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." Just because you and I do not understand God's ways does not mean His ways are not good. Just the opposite is true. They are the best.

Today, we could sit around and mourn and say, "God, when am I ever going to get out of these trials?" Or we can say, "God, what am I going to get out of all these trials?" It is through suffering that we begin to read verses such as Romans 8:28 and believe them. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." There is not a suffering, problem or pain that can ever take away our eternal life or our hope.

If you really desire to even attempt to understand God's ways, then you need to closely follow in His steps. You see, God does not have to follow us. When we do that, we set our own path for life, and that is where many of our sufferings and problems come from.

One person said God has three parts to His will. (1) There is His intentional will that "none should perish." (2) There is His permissive will that all men be given a will. (3) There is His ultimate will that "all things work together to them that love God." Do we desire that His will work in our lives? If so, then there are times we need to accept the fact, "I do not understand, but God is taking care of it."

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Some troubles are like the stump an old farmer had in his field - too hard to uproot, too knotty to split, too wet and soggy to burn." Those who were listening to him asked, "Mr. Lincoln, what would you do in a spot like that?" His answer was, "Well, sir, I'd just plow around it." Today, you can either let a stump in your field keep you from plowing the rest of the field, or you can plow around it.

Contemplate on these verses. Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Job 1:21, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 13:15, "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him."

You have storms in your life, no doubt, but maybe it is time for you to stop telling God how big your storms are and tell your storms how big your God is.

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