

## Job – Part 10

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### The Point

We need endurance in trusting God even when things are inexplicably difficult. (James 5:7-11)

### *The Aslan Theodicy*

How is this description of Aslan in *The Chronicles of Narnia* a type of theodicy?

### Job's 8<sup>th</sup> Complaint (Job 23-24)

Argument: If I could find God, I could be vindicated, but God cannot be found and, on top of that, He ignores the wicked's oppression of the weak and needy, at least, for now!

- 'I would present my case before Him and fill my mouth with arguments' (23:4)
- 'Surely he would pay attention to me' (23:6)
- 'I would be delivered forever from my Judge' (23:7)
- 'I cannot perceive Him' (23:8)
- 'When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold' (23:10)
- 'I have kept His way and not turned aside' (23:11)
- 'I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food' (23:12)
- 'When I consider, I am terrified of Him' (23:15)
- 'Why do those who know Him not see His days' (24:1)
- 'They push the needy aside from the road' (24:4)
- 'Others snatch the orphan from the breast' (24:9)
- 'They cause the poor to go about naked without clothing' (24:10)
- 'Yet God does not pay attention to folly' (24:12)

- 'Others have been with those who rebel against the light' (24:13)
- 'the murderer ... the adulterer' (24:14, 15)
- 'He wrongs the barren woman and does no good for the widow' (24:21)
- 'He provides them with security and they are supported' (24:23)
- 'they are exalted a little while, then they are gone' (24:24)

### **Bildad's 3<sup>rd</sup> Response (Job 25)**

- 'Dominion and awe belong to Him' (25:1)
- 'how can he be clean who is born of woman' (25:4)
- 'the stars are not pure in His sight' (25:5)
- 'How much less man, that maggot ... that worm' (25:6)

Argument: There must be a good reason for your suffering; there must be sin because there is always sin!