

When You Don't Feel Like Giving Thanks **Job 1:1-22**

1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The BIG Idea ... God wants us to give thanks to Him—_____.

Job's Story

- God: "Have you considered my servant Job?"
- Satan: "Job doesn't really _____ you, he loves what you've given him and how you protect him. So if you took his stuff away and your hedge of protection away, Job would _____ you to your face."
- God: "You can take everything from Job—except his _____."
- Job: "_____, God?"
- God: "Job, I've got _____ questions for you."
- God: "Job, if you can't fathom all the mystery behind natural things, are you really in a place to understand _____ things? I know what I'm doing—just _____."

Truths About God

1. God's _____ is unlimited. Job 42:3, "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things to wonderful for me, which I did not know."
2. God's _____ is unmatched. Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Isaiah 45:7, "I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things." Revelation 21:4, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
3. God's _____ will prevail. Job 42:2, "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." Acts 2:23-24, "This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

God uses suffering ...

- To correct us and bring us back to Himself (the story of Jonah).
 - To work salvation in others (the story of Joseph).
 - To deepen our love for Him and our hope in Him (Romans 5 and 8). Job 23:10, "He knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold."
4. God's _____ will be fulfilled. Job 19:25-27: "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" 2 Corinthians 4:17, "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison."

The Takeaway ... By God's grace and for His glory, we will say: "The LORD _____ and the LORD has _____; blessed be the name of the LORD."