

God Is God!

*"Who has a claim against me that I must pay?
Everything under heaven belongs to me."
Job 41:11*

Sometimes I become foolishly anxious about the future . . . for my family . . . for the church . . . for humanity. Of course, I am not alone in this. Anxiety is a common affliction of our race, and from it springs many ills from ulcers to war. The antidote is faith in the Transcendent God who has ultimate control.

Job was full of anxiety when he asked for a discussion with God on the subject of justice. In fact, the book which bears Job's name packs a lifetime of anxiety, confusion, and demoralization into its 42 chapters. While Job acknowledges that no one can successfully argue with the Almighty, he nonetheless wants to question God on some issues of very deep concern:

Why do the righteous suffer?
Why do the wicked prosper?
Where is the justice of God when people
get hurt for doing what is right while
others with no sense of responsibility
seem to go scot free?
Why does life exact such a high price
from those who only want to do good?

Job did not find the answers to all his questions. Neither will we. But Job was reminded that **God is God!**

There is no power above His . . . nor is any purpose or plan more relevant to our personal needs than His. Everything belongs to Him and no one can call Him into account.

What then is the key to the lessening of my anxiety? The answer is simple: match my will to His—march in step to His cadence—surrender to His Lordship in life.

Easier said than done, you say? Obviously. But there is no other answer. As Job was forced say at the end of his confrontation with God:

*"I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth."
Job 40:4*

- Jim Trimmer, via *Bulletin Digest*

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

News & Notes

SUNDAY SINGING: This evening following the worship period.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this worthwhile project.

NURSING HOME VISIT: Next Saturday, Sept. 1st, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

PANTRY: Soup & crackers.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Wade Sprout, Bobby Hadley (son of Bob & Pat Hadley), Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter. Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

Knowledge and Wisdom

- Dalton Key -

We too often mistake knowledge for wisdom. Impressive initials at the end of one's name may well indicate knowledge, but they in no way guarantee wisdom. As the saying goes, "When you educate a fool, you end up with an educated fool." A brain laden with facts may be empty of common sense.

While knowledge gathers and stores information, wisdom puts such to good use. Knowledge comes from learning facts about life; wisdom comes from learning to live. Knowledge comes from study; wisdom, from experience, and thus, and most importantly, from the God of heaven (James 1:5, 17).

Patience and wisdom walk hand in hand. Knowledge may be hurried along, but not so with wisdom. Wisdom simply will not be rushed. For our own good (and no doubt out of consideration for those with whom we live), God bestows wisdom upon us slowly, a little at a time, not in overfilled bushel baskets, but by bits and pieces, here and there.

And among the odder aspects of wisdom is this: just when we think we "have it", we are soon humbled, forced by the facts to admit we have a long way yet to go! "Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). When it comes to wisdom, we're all works in progress, and the sooner we admit it, the closer to wisdom we'll be.

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Meetings

Barrackville ----- Aug. 26-30 ----- F. Higginbotham
CHESTER ----- Sept. 16-20 ----- Roger Rush