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Intro to Job 8-9

In Luke 24, Jesus encountered two of His disciples walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. As they talked, Jesus explained to them that the Old Testament (Moses and the Prophets) pointed to Him (Luke 24:27, 44). Throughout the Old Testament, there is an ever-deepening sense of the brokenness of the world and our need for rescue.

In this key passage, Job acknowledges that despite the fact that he knows he has acted upright in this situation, he could not stand before a holy and righteous God. This has been humanity's plight ever since we left the garden. It was true of people in the ancient world, it is true of people in the 21st century. Regardless of whatever technological advances we might come up with, there is nothing that can atone for our sins and mediate our relationship with our Creator. Thankfully, God provided the Mediator we need: His Son, Jesus. Being fully God and fully man, Jesus is the only One who is able to pay for our sins, satisfy the wrath of God, and reconcile us to Him.

Context

Chapters 8-10 represent the next interchange between Job and one of his friends. These discussions seem much longer to us than what a typical conversation would be between friends today, but in exploring the deep and abiding questions of our existence, short conversations and trite answers will not suffice. On top of this, our gravitation toward instant gratification and simple solutions to problems can prevent us from enduring the lengthy discourses in Job. We must learn to persevere and sit in the mess with Job until we can really empathize with him. There are no easy solutions to the problem of evil and suffering, and as we learn to be patient with this text, we will learn to be patient with those in our lives who are suffering as well.

Read and Reflect *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

Read Job 8:1-7; 9:1-12, 32-35 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6

“Where Is My Daysman?”

Major Lessons

- God moves in mysterious ways
- How to suffer patiently
- How to help others in their suffering
- Crucial questions of life are timeless

How can a mortal be righteous before God?

Double consciousness

- God is incredibly GREAT
- Man is exceedingly small

Discuss

- 1) Why would people need a mediator to resolve differences between one another? Can you think of an example?
- 2) When you think about your day-to-day life, do you feel deeply that you need a mediator between you and God? Why or why not?
- 3) What do we learn about the love of God from the fact that He provided His Own Son to mediate between us?
- 4) Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. What are the key elements of the gospel described here? How should we respond to this gospel?
- 5) If you had two minutes to summarize the gospel for a non-Christian friend with no church background, what would you say?