

WHY GOD, WHY?

Psalm 73:16-20

Introduction: Give the background to the scripture also focus on the questions asked by the Psalmist. The questions asked by him are also asked by us, "WHY?" Most of the answers to questions are summed up in two ways: "Ignorance of God and Ignorance of God's Word."

I. THE BIBLE TEACHES AND THEN ANSWERS THE "WHYS"

1. Take a look at actual history, the flood, the nations, etc.
2. History reveals the eventual victory of God: Jews, Romans, Germans, etc.
3. All things are under God's hand even if temporary.
4. The Psalmist saw this truth and felt sorry - do we?

II. GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

1. People ask questions about God: "Is God who He says He is?" "Does God really care?" "Can God do anything?" "Why people like Hitler, etc.?" "Why?" "Why?" "Why?"
2. The other side of the question is: "Are we mistaken and wrong about God?"
3. Whatever reason the question, it is never that God can't for God is unlimitable, He is absolute, everlasting, eternal, owns everything, so, then "WHY?"
4. Abraham said: *"...Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"*
5. God is just. God is right. God cannot be otherwise. All of God's Word, His promises, covenants, warnings are kept.

III. IF GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT, THEN WHY?

1. We know God can do no wrong. He knows all, then why do the wicked prosper?
2. "anthropomorphism" God must be asleep.
3. If, If, If, Why, Why, Why?
4. Some question God's actions - Why, Why, Why?
 - People have free wills and do what they want, but expect God to do what they expect and want and stop others from doing what they are doing.

5. It cannot be both ways. God must control all or none. All are free or none are.
6. God should control the wicked, but NOT me! I am free, I have my liberty!
7. You and I must be free, but NOT others.

IV. WHY DOES GOD SLEEP?

1. Why do the wicked flourish and not me? Why?
 - To see sin as it really is, to allow it to manifest itself in all ugliness to show that man substitutes the creation for the creator.
 - Man is authority, man thinks, man makes.
 - God with holds power to teach of sin.
 - Punishment for sin, to reap the consequences of sin.
 - Everyone wants the pleasures of sin without its consequences.
 - Everyone wants to sin but not suffer for it.
 - To make the overthrow of evil complete.
 - Some nations grow strong, until God bursts their selfish bubble.
 - Evil grows until questioned if God can stop it, then God arises.
 - To display God greatness over evil.
 - Some rulers are thought to be gods, not mere humans.
 - God eventually smites them, even with worms (Herod).
 - Men rise to become great and mighty but eventually fall while God rises.
 - To discipline God's own people.
 - God's people do need discipline. How often did God raise up enemies to Israel?
 - We, too, must oft times be humbled and learn to rely upon God alone.

V. WHEN GOD AWAKENS, THEN WHAT?

1. There is a limit to evil, it will end, a day will come. *"...God's spirit will not always strive with man..."*
2. All the great and ungodly will vanish as history reveals.
3. When the world is Godless, Christless, grace is reduced.
4. ***2 Thessalonians 1:4-10***
5. God is God! He is holy, just, keeps His Word and will do what He says, in His time.
6. The day is coming and all God's enemies shall be scattered.
7. Thank God! He is God! May we all see that! Lose all doubt you may have.