
5. Fear: becoming free from the need for blessings because God is our greater _____.

Job 42:1 Then Job replied to the LORD:

² *"I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.*

³ *You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of **things I did not understand, things too wonderful** for me to know.*

⁴ *"You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'*

⁵ *My ears had heard of you but now **my eyes have seen you.***

⁶ *Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."*

Key: Pg 1: control. Pg 2: answers. Pg 3: peace. Pg 4: treasure.

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The Silver Lining of Fear

Dark Clouds, Silver Linings—pt 5

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1. The taproot of fear

Fear is fueled by a priority belief that **I may not get**, get the "**life**" I believe I **need** and **deserve** in order to be happy.

Job 3:25 "What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.

Job 3:26 I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil."

2. Fear: the loss of perceived _____.

*Job 21:6 When I think about this, I am **terrified**; **trembling** seizes my body.*

⁷ *Why do the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power? ⁸ They see their children established around them, their offspring before their eyes.*

⁹ *Their homes are safe and **free from fear**; the rod of God is not upon them. ¹⁰ Their bulls never fail to breed; their cows calve and do not miscarry.*

¹¹ *They send forth their children as a flock; their little ones dance about. ¹² They sing to the music of tambourine and*

harp; they make merry to the sound of the flute.

¹³ *They spend their years in prosperity and go down to the grave in peace. ¹⁴ Yet they say to God, 'Leave us alone! We have no desire to know your ways.*

¹⁵ *Who is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What would we gain by praying to him?'*

*Job 21:6 When I think about this, I am **terrified**; **trembling** seizes my body.*

Job 21:16 But their prosperity is not in their own hands, so I stand aloof from the counsel of the wicked.

3. Fear: driven deeper by a quest for "_____."

*Job 28:20 "Where then does wisdom come from? Where does **understanding** dwell?*

²¹ *It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds of the air.*

²² *Destruction and Death say, 'Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.'*

²³ ***God understands** the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells,*

²⁴ *for **he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.***

²⁵ *When he established the force of the wind and measured*

out the waters, ²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm,

²⁷ *then **he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it.** ²⁸ And he said to man, **'The fear of the Lord-- that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'**"*

4. Fear: Suffering jars our sense of control and thrusts us to _____ only God can provide.

Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm.

Job 38:2 "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?"

Job 38:3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁴ *"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.*

⁵ *Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone--*

Job 38:7 ... while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?
