

CRUSHED:
Terrified By God
Job 8-10

What should be do when we're scared to death of God?

I. BILDAD'S POSITION (8:1-22)

A. CONFRONTATION WITH JOB (1-2)

B. COMMENTS ON GOD (3-7)

1. God's justice proclaimed (3)
2. God's justice applied (4-7)

C. THE CONTEXT FOR TRUTH (8-19)

1. Tradition! (8-10)
2. Nature (11-19)
 - a. Lesson One: The godless perish (11-15)
 - b. Lesson Two: The righteous prosper (16-19)

D. CONCLUSION ABOUT GOD (20)

- He will not reject the righteous nor support the wicked

E. COMFORT FOR JOB (21-22)

1. God's Promises
 - Joy (21) and vindication (22)
2. Bildad's Prescription
 - Just follow my advice and things will soon be looking up!

II. JOB'S PLAN (9:1-33)

A. HIS MINDSET (1-2)

1. Agree with Bildad's generalities (2a)
2. Consider what it means to be right with God (2b)

B. HIS ASSESSMENT (3-13)

1. God's Might (3-4)
2. God's Mastery (5-13)
 - a. He controls all conditions (5-10)
 - b. He controls all creatures (11-13)

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C. HIS MISGIVINGS (14-24)

1. Questions (14-19)
 - How can I plead my cause?
 - a. Even if I'm right I'd have to appeal to God's mercy (14-15)
 - b. Even if God answered me, I wouldn't believe it (16-18)
 - c. When it comes to power ... He's stronger (19a)
 - d. When it comes to justice ... I can't question Him (19b)
2. Frustrations (20-24)
 - a. A fear of self-incrimination (20)
 - b. Though guiltless, he hates life (21)
 - c. God treats the guiltless and guilty the same (22-24)
3. Futility (25-33)
 - a. Patience won't work (25-26)
 - b. Positive thinking won't work (27-28)
 - c. Purification rites won't work (29-31)
 - d. Proof attempts won't work (32-33)

III. JOB'S PERIL (9:34-10:2)

A. HE IS TERRIFIED (9:34-35)

1. God is crushing Job with His corrective rod (34a)
2. God is dreadful to Job (34b)
3. God is fearful to Job (35a)

B. HE IS LOATHSOME (10:1)

1. Afflicted in body, spirit (emotions) and soul
2. Job has nothing to lose by fully venting his complaint > He can't be happy! (9:27)

C. HE IS CONFUSED (10:2)

1. Job's Concern: He should be acquitted
2. Job's Complaint: I should at least be informed of the charges against me

IV. JOB'S PLEA (10:1-22)

- Moving from disappointment with God to a desire for Him

A. HELP ME! (3-7)

- You are my God
1. Job is struggling with God's righteousness (3)
 2. Job comprehends God's otherness (4-6)
 3. Job understands his neediness (7)

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B. REMEMBER ME! (8-13)

- You are my Maker!

1. The Potter (8-9)
2. The Life-Giver (10-12)
3. The Care-taker (13)

C. CORRECT ME (14-17)

- You are my Judge!

1. If I sin You will hold me accountable (14-15a)
2. If I don't sin You will keep me humble (15b-17)

D. PITY ME (18-22)

- You are my Hope!

1. My Despair (18-19)
2. My Desire (20)
3. My departure (21-22)

CONCLUSION:

Job's suffering is the catalyst that ignites all this talk about God ... and to God.

If our terrible suffering turns us to God ... that is a good thing

Let us plead with God for help, care, correction and compassion.