

Transforming Daily
“... nor charge God with wrong ...”
Job 1:22

This phrase in Job 1:22 could be the subtitle of the book. That God is Sovereign, Righteous, and Just, no charge can be made against Him. Nevertheless, against the trials of adversity, man in his ignorance has attempted to do so. The wicked man says that there is no God. The ignorant man says that God tempts him. The disobedient man says that God despises him. However, the righteous man knows God loves him and says that He is Sovereign, Righteous, and Just.

Job was such a man, and in time of adversity and terrible loss, he never sinned against God. Job never charged God with wrong. Those who charge God with wrong, do not know God. They don't even know about God. They might know about what someone who doesn't know God says about God, but they don't have a personal relationship with Him. Or at the very least, they may know Him, but aren't in right fellowship with Him. Those who would charge God with wrong don't understand the sin nature of man. Man is born in sin. He is a sinner. He deserves death, hell, and the grave. But thanks be to the grace of God toward man that while he was yet a sinner, God sent His Son to die on the cross of Calvary that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

What is it then that man would charge God with wrong but by his darkened understanding of who Christ is, who he is, who he is in Christ, and who Christ is in him. Job experienced the harshest of adversities, and yet he did not charge God with wrong. Today, if someone gets cut off on interstate, they take the Lord's name in vain and curse Him for the traffic. If someone gets put on hold for more than a minute, you would have thought the world had come to an end with all of the whining and complaining that goes on; and of course, it's God's fault in the first place. If it rains or doesn't rain, if it's too hot or not warm enough, or if it's too windy or not a hint of a wisp of breeze, it's God's fault and the complaining and blaming is ceaseless. He is blamed for a life. He is blamed for a death. He is blamed in living. He is blamed in dying. He suffers accusations for marriages. He suffers accusations for divorces. He is despised in times of happiness as well as in times of sorrow, and He is cursed at for wealth as well as for poverty.

Does this sound familiar? Is this you? Do you know that God loves you? If so, or if not, let me remind you that God loves you, and he gave Himself for you. We are all tempted by the enemy to “curse God and die” (2:9), but do not give heed to such temptation nor charge God with wrong.