

THINKING TRUE THOUGHTS Part Seven

- Introduction: Satan's attempt to discredit God through Job:
 - 1:11: Job's trials were never really about Job in first place but God.
 - 1:20-22: Job's first righteous response was to not _____ God for His problems or accuse God of being evil simply because he was experiencing evil circumstances.
 - 2:10: Job's second righteous response was not to attack God's character or question His _____.
 - He accepted suffering from hand of God for the same reasons He accepted blessings—because he knew God is _____, wise, and knows best.

IV. THE CHRIST-HONORING ANTIDOTES TO WRONG THINKING

C. Untrue thoughts about _____.

- The temptation of Job was to believe a lie about God that would lead Him to abandon His _____.
- The Devil's goal in trials is always to get you to blame God and in that way attack God's _____ through you.
- Therefore, must always be on our guard against any strongholds of wrong thinking that challenge what we know to be true about God's character:

1. "God's done a lot for me in the past, but this new situation is _____."

- Variations on the theme:
 - "I don't believe God can help me this time."
 - "This new challenge is too _____ for God."
- Antidote of truth:
 - _____ is too hard for God.
- Illustrations: _____ (Gen. 18:9-15, Heb. 11:11)
 - Zacharias (Luke 1:18) and Mary (Luke 1:37-38a)
 - Peter walking on the water (Matt. 14:28-31)
- Application: When you see bigger problems, get a _____ view of God (Mark 11:22-24)!

2. "God has _____ about me."

- Variations on the theme:
 - "God has left me, doesn't care about me, isn't listening to me, or doesn't intend to help me."
- Antidote of truth:
 - God's silence doesn't equal His _____ or His seeming inactivity a lack of _____.

- The amazing thing is that God understands why we might say these things and even _____ them for us in His Word!
- He takes us where we're at, then leads us to the rock and response of faith:
 - Psalms 13:1-2 (question) and 5-6 (right response)
 - Psalms 28:1 (question) and 6-7 (right response)
 - Psalms 88:14 (question) and 89:1-2 (right response)

3. "The fact that something bad happened to me proves that God doesn't _____."

- Variations on the theme:
 - "If God is _____, why is He allowing me to suffer?"
 - "If God loved me, He wouldn't have allowed that person to hurt me."
 - "If God was a loving God, He wouldn't have allowed my loved one to _____."
 - "Since some person failed me, God failed me too."
- Issue: How to reconcile God's _____ and goodness with the fact that bad things happen.
- Answer:
 - Evil as in _____: God allows us to live in an imperfect world as consequence of sin and allows specific bad circumstances into lives of His children for good reasons.
 - Evil as in _____: God limits His omnipotence to some degree by the free will of His creatures.
- Antidote of truth:
 - God is always and completely good (Ex. 34:6, Ps. 145:9, 33:5, Jas. 1:17, Ps. 84:11, Matt. 7:11, Ps. 31:19, 23:6).
 - Not everything that happens is good, but God works all things together for _____ in the lives of His children (Rom. 8:28).
 - God will bring evil to an end _____, in His time (2 Pet. 3:9-10).
 - In the meantime, there is _____ (Rev. 22:20-21).

CONCLUSION

- The raising of Lazarus (John 11):
 - Vs. 1-6: This sickness was for the glory of God.
 - Vs. 11-15: Jesus had good _____ for staying away.
 - Vs. 32-35: Jesus _____ with the grieving!
 - Application: If you're sad, know that the Lord Jesus remembers you, loves you, cares for you, weeps with you, and has a plan to help you.