

# FORREST, TREES, & VINES

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## JOB 14:7-17

### WHAT IS REALITY?

- A. IS REALITY DEFINED DIFFERENTLY FOR A BELIEVER?
- B. IS REALITY A SET OF RULES?
- C. IS REALITY DETERMINED BY CIRCUMSTANCE, CHOICES, GOD, OR ALL OF THE ABOVE?
- D. CAN REALITY BE CHANGED OR CHALLENGED?

**Reality** *n.* in philosophy, that which genuinely exists, usually in contrast to that which only seems to exist. (APA Dictionary of Psychology, 2018)

**Reality** *n.*

- 1: the quality or state of being real
- 2: a real event, entity, or state of affairs
- 3: television programming that features people (especially people who are not professional actors) dealing with real-life situations or participating in contrived activities (such as competitions)

(Webster's Dictionary)

**TRUTH:** SOMETIMES REALITY IS RELATIVE TO WHAT IS PERCEIVED (THOUGHTS, KNOWLEDGE, ETC.)

## **ROMANS 8:8-11;12-17;18-28**

IN CHRIST WE ARE...

- **BORN AGAIN**, WHEN WE REPENT OF OUR SINS, TRUST OUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS,
- WE ARE **WASHED CLEAN, PURIFIED, HEALED, DELIVERED**,
- AND GIVEN A **NEW LENEAGE** AS A CHILD OF GOD... NOT OF THE FLESH BUT **OF THE SPIRIT**...
- AND HE IS SO GOOD THAT WHAT HE DOES WITHIN OUR SOUL AND SPIRIT, ALSO **IMPACTS AND HEALS OUR PHYSICAL** BODIES.... AND LIFE BECOMES A PROCESS OF DYING TO THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH.

**QUESTION:** IF OUR REALITY IS: WE ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST, REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD... WHY ARE THERE STILL TRIALS AND SEASONS OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF SUFFERING?

**Fear** is a powerful emotion.

**FEAR HINGES ON QUESTION MARKS**

**LIFE OFTEN FOLLOWS THE QUESTIONS ONE ASKS.**

**MATT 7:7-8**

**JAMES 4:2-3**

**TRUTH:** QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BECOME POISON WHEN DONE WRONG

EVERY MIRACLE REQUIRES A PROBLEM FIRST. EVERY TESTIMONY STARTS WITH A TEST.

## FAITH IS NOT DENIAL

The Book of Job has **330 questions in 42 chapters**. Genesis has 160, Matthew 150.

JOB IS a **poetic exploration of the problem of suffering**.

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

1. **JOB IS A OLD TESTAMENT BOOK** (PRE THE NEW COVENANT IN JESUS)
2. **GOD STILL PURSUED** HIS PEOPLE, BUT IT WAS WITH A DIFFERENT MEANS.
3. THE OLD TESTAMENT CAN BE SPLIT INTO **DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS**: SOME OF THEM:
  - A. ADAM & EVE PRE FALL
  - B. ADAM & EVE POST FALL
  - C. THE DESCENDANTS OF ADAM & EVE
  - D. CORRUPTION & NOAIC COVENANT (NOAH'S FAMILY, FLOOD, PROMISE)
  - E. **PATRIARCAL AGE** (ABRAHAM, LAND PROMISE, CHILDREN PROMISE)
  - F. MOSAIC COVENANT (EGYPT, EXODUS, PASSOVER, COMMANDMENTS/LAW)
  - G. WILDERNESS TO JUDGES (LAND WARS, TRIBES, SIN-REPENTANCE CYCLES)
  - H. KINGS/DAVIDIC COVENANT (RENEWAL OF COVENANT WITH A KING)
  - I. INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD (FALLEN ISRAEL, LACK OF PROPHETS, PHARISEES/SADDUCEES/SCRIBES RISE)
4. JOB **DOES NOT HAVE THE LAW** OF MOSES

### QUICK OVERVIEW OF BIBLICAL COVENANTS:

| COVENANT                                         | MAIN PROMISE                                                                                                       | SIGN & SACRIFICE                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Noahic (with creation)                           | Never destroy the world with a flood again                                                                         | Rainbow – Creation & Noah made a burnt offering                                                                |
| Abrahamic (with a family into a nation)          | Great family (God's people), Promised land, Universal blessings                                                    | Circumcision (a physical mark) – animal sacrifice for the Covenant                                             |
| Mosaic (with the nation)                         | Guidance to comply with laws and regulations                                                                       | Ten Commandments – Then came the law regarding animal sacrifice                                                |
| Davidic (renewed with a king)                    | Eternal Kingdom established through David's descendants                                                            | The Ark of the Covenant (mercy seat of God) and the throne of David (Earthly King) – renewed animal sacrifices |
| New (all who repent and accept, by Jesus' blood) | Complete forgiveness of sin, eternal life through Jesus Christ & fulfillment of the Old with both Jews & Gentiles! | "Circumcision of the heart" Romans 2:29 (a spiritual mark) – JESUS!                                            |

### JOB 1:1-22

**ENEMIES CAME AND STOLE THE ANIMALS, BELONGINGS, AND WEALTH THAT JOB HAD... AND THEN A TORNADO COMES AND WIPES OUT ALL OF JOB'S CHILDREN.**

### JOB 2:1-10

NOTICE SOMETHING ABOUT THESE 3:

1. THEY ARE HIS FRIENDS
2. THEY HAVE COME TO COMFORT JOB, NOT CURSE HIM

CHAPTER 3 JOB CURSES NOT GOD BUT THE DAY HE WAS BORN... WE GET THIS IN POETIC FASHION.

### JOB 4:1-2 ;4:7-9

**REMEMBER: JOB 1:8** And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

IN CHAPTERS 6-7 JOB RESPONDS, AND SAYS **HE HASN'T SINNED...**

**JOB 6:14** “He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

**JOB 8:1-4**

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**JOB 11:1-6**

**JOB HAS COMPLAINED TO GOD, HE HAS PLEADED TO GOD, BUT HE HAS NOT MOCKED GOD.**

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**TRUTH: WHEN A FRIEND IS GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME, IT IS NEVER OK TO MOCK THEM.**

**IN THE CASE OF JOB, HE HAS NOT SINNED, HIS AFFLICTION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BLAME, GUILT, OR EVEN HIS CHOICES.**

**SATAN HASN'T LEFT THE STORY HERE... HE IS USING JOB'S 3 FRIENDS TO DO WHAT? ACCUSE HIM OF SOMETHING HE HASN'T DONE!**

**JOB'S 3 FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO FORM A THEOLOGY OR A DOCTRINE AROUND JOB'S SUFFERING.**

**THEIR FEAR IS DISGUISED AS FAITH THAT FORMS A RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE AROUND SUFFERING.**

**MATT 9:1-40**

**Do we have authority of illness, the demonic, today?**

YES! In the Great Commission Jesus tells His disciples that we shall lay hands on the sick and see them recover! He told them to go and wait on the promise (The Holy Spirit) and when He would come, they would receive POWER! SEE Mark 16:14-20 & Acts 1:4-9

We also know Jesus gave us the power to bind and lose... and to make our requests and petitions known to the Lord.

*DO WE CONTROL THE ANSWER? NO.*

*DO WE BLAME GOD? NO.*

*DO WE CONTROL THE TIMING? NOT USUALLY (WE CAN PROLONG OR GIVE OURSELVES OVER TO THE THINGS OF THE ENEMY OR THE THINGS OF THE WORLD)*

**KINGDOM'S PROMISES ARE NOT BASED ON WHAT WE CAN SEE BUT WHAT WE KNOW BY FAITH!**

**Hebrews 11:1-3**