Sunday, August 23, 2020

The Limits of Human Reason

Job 38–42:9

David H. McKinley

• • •

[1]Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: [2]"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? [3]Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to Me. [4]**Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.** [5]Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? [6]On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, [7]when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
—Job 38:1-7

[2]"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it." [3]Then Job answered the LORD and said: [4]"Behold, I am of small account." —Job 40:2-4a

"Your arms are too short to box with God."

1. _____ is the Pathway to Glory

[1]Then Job answered the LORD and said: [2]"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. [3]'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know." —Job 42:1-3

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
—1 Peter 5:5b

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you."
—James 4:10

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. —Luke 18:14

2. _____ is the Pathway to Power

"'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which **I did not know**." —Job 42:3

"The Bible is just as inspired, trustworthy and infallible in its reservations as it is in its revelations." —J. Sidlow Baxter

Notes:

[7]So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. [8]Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9]But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **My power is made perfect in weakness**." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10]For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. —2 Corinthians 12:7-10

3. _____ is the Pathway to Intimacy

[5]I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You; [6]therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. —Job 42:5-6

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." —Isaiah 57:15

That which we think will destroy us,
God uses to deliver us.
That which was meant to break us,
God uses to make us more like Him.
That which we think will be the death of us,
is often God's gracious hand of providence
writing depth and detail onto the pages of our story.
The things that leave us broken and cracked actually make us masterpieces—treasures that God is crafting for His glory.
These treasures are meant to produce holes in our exterior
so that His glory can shine through us.

—Jacqueline Heider, #Together@Warren

4. _____ is the Pathway to Community

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4]who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. [5]For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. —2 Corinthians 1:3-5

"In our world where everything is about promoting yourself, repentance feels brutal. But repentance is the only way to be healed." —Timothy Keller

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

WARREN
A WAY OF LIFE

David H. McKinley, Pastor-Teacher

davidhmckinley.com

Notes: