

The God Who Is (November 21, 2021) **“The God Who Has Perspective”**

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Job 28:12-28

1. Job 28:12-19 exposes where wisdom is not found. Give examples from those exposures where you have noticed the world seeks to find wisdom.

2. “God’s omniscience also grows out of His omnipresence. God is not all-knowing simply because He has applied His superior intellect to a sober study of the universe and all its contents. Rather, God knows all because He created all and He has willed all. As sovereign Ruler over the universe, God controls the universe. Though some theologians have tried to separate the two, it is impossible for God to know all without controlling all and it is impossible for Him to control all without knowing all. Like all attributes of God, they are codependent, two necessary parts of the whole.” (Essential Truths of the Christian Faith p. 46 by R.C. Sproul)

Comment on R.C. Sproul’s quote and discuss why God is able to have an understanding and perspective unlike any other (Job 28:24-27; Genesis 1:1).

3. "Wisdom is to be found in the decisions made in the original arrangement of the cosmos, for wisdom is to be found in the ordering of the components of the cosmos. Order is not readily observable in daily operations, but it was instrumental in the foundation of creation and is inherent in the ongoing operation. The primordial perspective is inaccessible to humans." (NIV Application Commentary-Job p. 289-290 by John H. Walton)

Besides not participating in the creation process, give other reasons why wisdom and an accurate perspective are inaccessible from a human vantage point (Job 28:21; Isaiah 55:9; Jeremiah 17:9; Matt. 7:3-5; 1 Corinthians 1:25)?

4. Job 28:20 asks, "From where, then, does wisdom come?" Locate the answer in this passage, Proverbs 9:10 and any other passages you find concerning God's wisdom.

5. What is the evidence given which shows we understand the wisdom from God (Job 28:28; Proverbs 3:7)?

6. Job was faithful to God and was loved by God, yet he lost his entire family, wealth and health for reasons unknown to him. Do you find you are interpreting God's love for you by your circumstances or are you interpreting your circumstances by His love? Discuss the difference each interpretation makes in your view of God's perspective.