



Welcome to
Rehoboth New
Life Center
Tuesday Study
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The Common Experience

Understanding God



Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“I understand why I do not understand”

Job 42:1 ¶Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

“We have a Language Problem”

“We Don’t understand Suffering”

“Because we don’t Speak Gods Language”

If God is real, why is there suffering and pain ?



- 1 Peter 1:6 ¶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, **ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:**
- 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ(KJV)
- 1 Peter 1:6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
- 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

The “WHY”



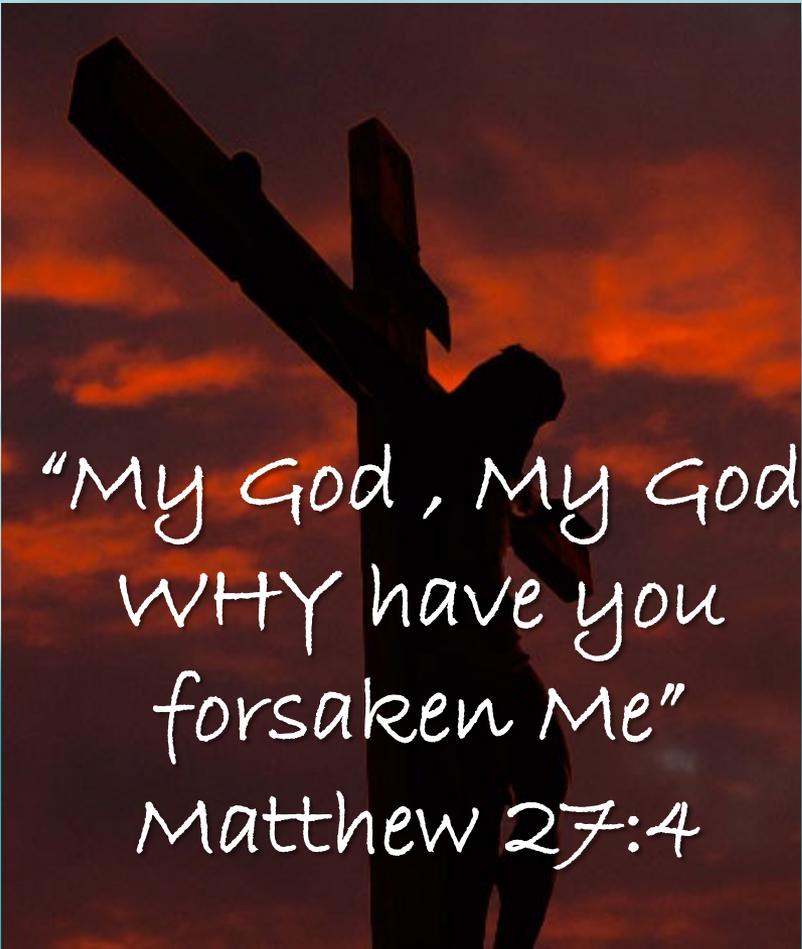
- Luke 13:1 ¶ There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, **Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?**
- 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?
- 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Sometimes “The Why” Cannot be explained!



- Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
- 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Why ?... Because we are Human



"My God, My God
WHY have you
forsaken Me"
Matthew 27:4

- The fact that we can't always answer the why does not make it wrong to ask
- Because we are human the pain of loss, the pain of grief the pain of death will make us ask the question Why.

Accepting A different Answer to WHY

NOW FAITH IS
CONFIDENCE IN
WHAT WE HOPE
FOR AND
ASSURANCE
ABOUT WHAT WE
DO NOT SEE.

Hebrews 11:1

Acts 9:1 ¶And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, **Who art thou, Lord?** And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Faith is Not Knowing WHY, but WHO!

Sin, means “Real Life Has Sorrow”

GOD --

ADAM --

SETH --

ENOSH --

KENAN --

MAHALALEL --

JARED --

ENOCH --

METHUSELAH --

LAMECH --

NOAH --

THE GOD

MAN

is APPOINTED

a MORTAL man of

SORROW is born

the GLORY OF GOD

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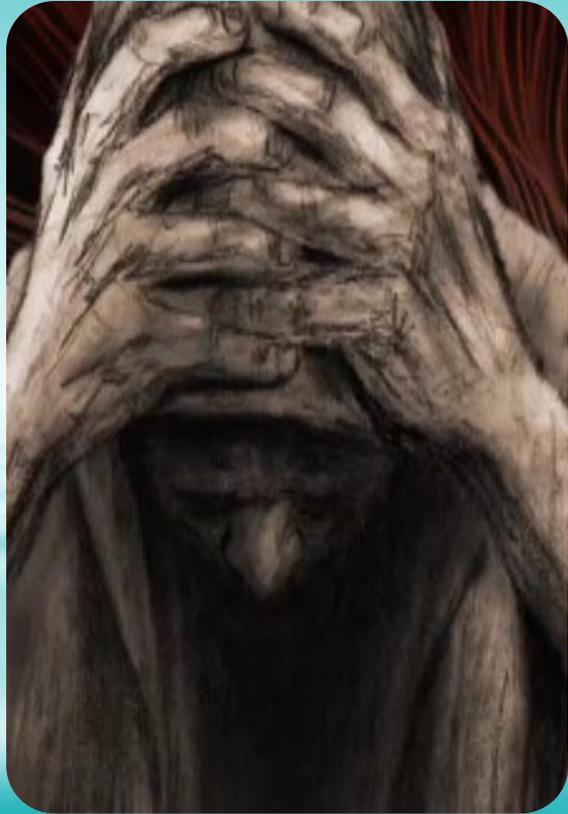
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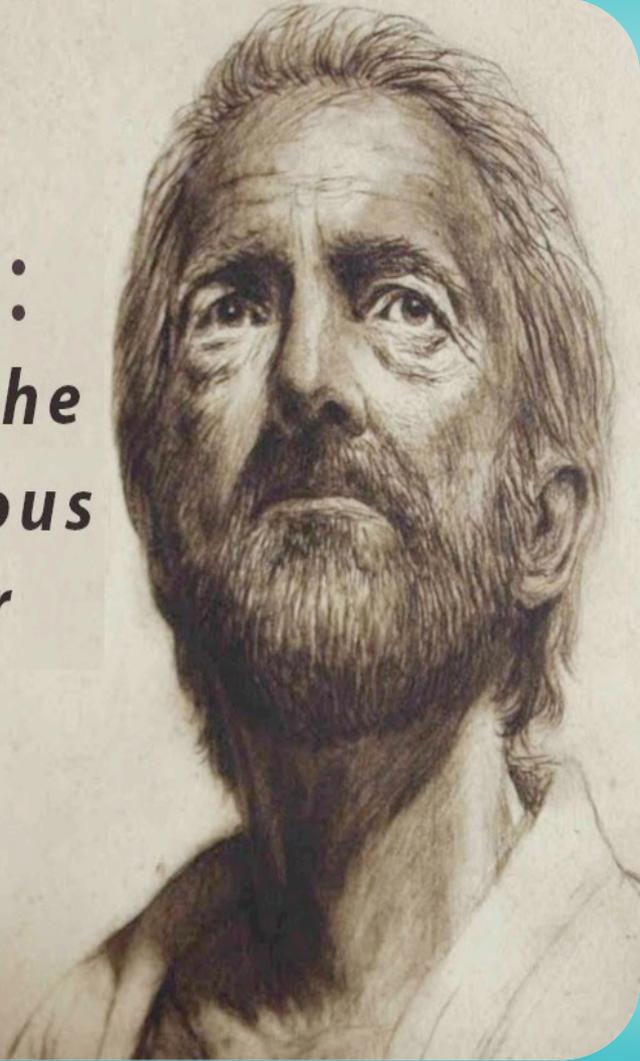
JOB: when the righteous Suffer ... Why?



- Job 1:13 ¶And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- 14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:
- 15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- 16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- 17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- 18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

JOB Searched For Why.....Until

Job:
*When the
Righteous
Suffer*



- Job 3:11 **Why** died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?
- 12 **Why** did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?
- 23 **Why** is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

The Origin of Suffering/Evil

Genesis 1:31 ¶ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.



God is a Perfect Being

A perfect being can only
create perfect things!

*Psalms 18:30 As for God, his way is
perfect: the word of the LORD is
tried: he is a buckler to all those that
trust in him.*

Sin: The Contrary Exercise of Will



- Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

Sin: The exercise of Will against the Laws of God



Proverbs 13:15 ¶ Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

Breaking Gods Laws nearly always will bring EVIL (Times of Distress)

- Genesis 2:16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**
- 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The Three “Will’s”

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

God’s Will:

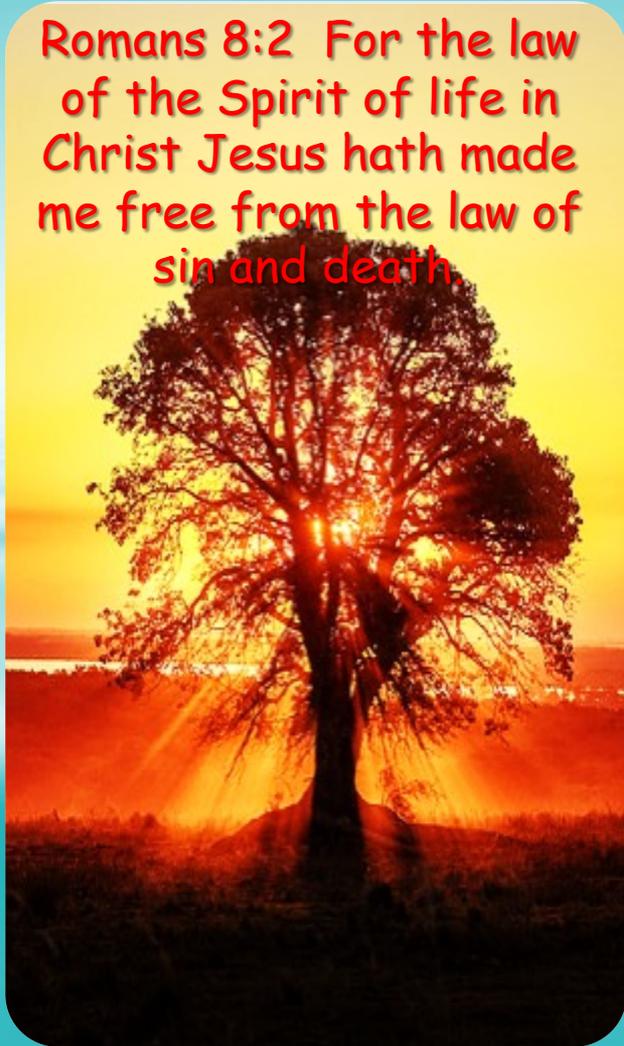
2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. **He does not want anyone to be destroyed,** but wants everyone to repent. (NLT version)

The Flesh’s Will:

Romans 7:14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don’t really understand myself, **for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate.** 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. (NLT version)

The Adversary’s Will:

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

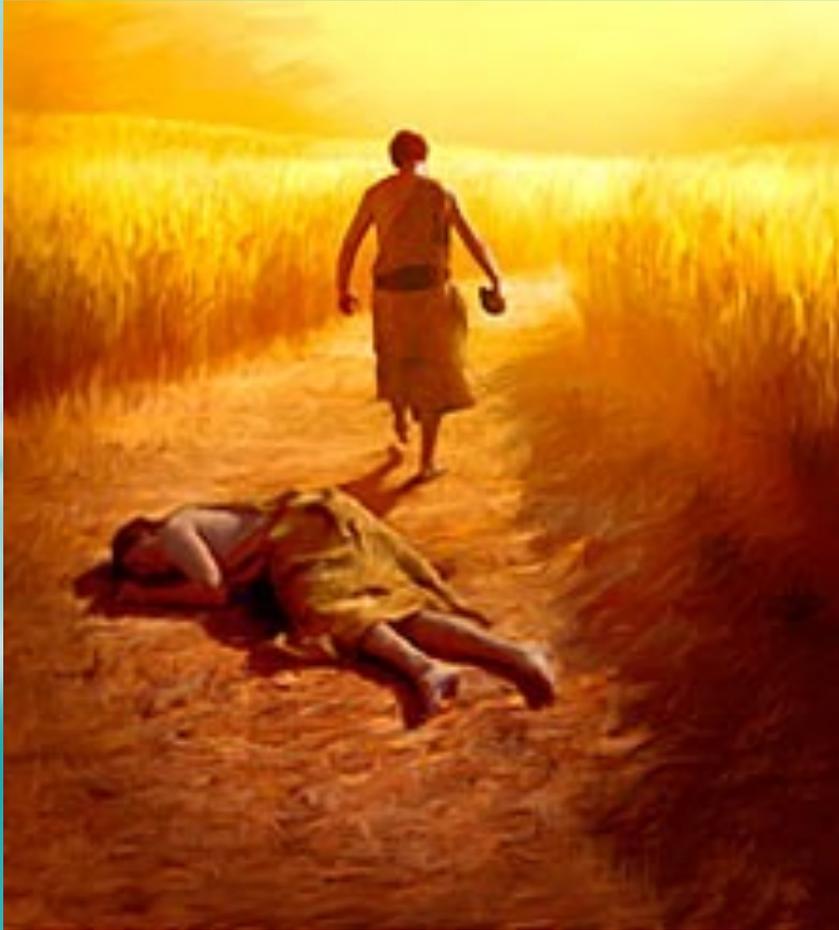


One man's sin



- Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; **and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
- Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; **for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;** neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Through One Mans Sin



Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 ¶And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

8 ¶And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Two types of Evil: That bring suffering



- Moral Evil

- An exercise of Human Will
 - CAIN Kills Able

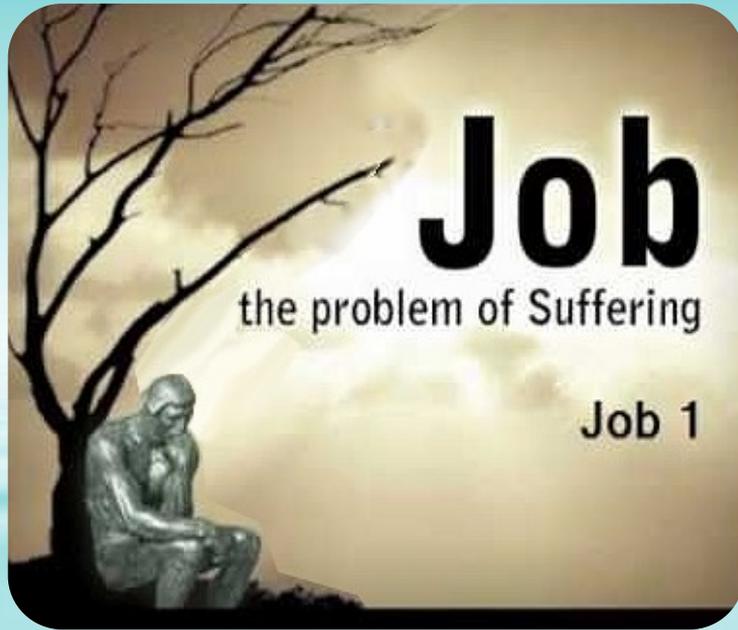
- Natural Evil

- An exercise of Spiritual Will
- A Result of braking a Spiritual law



The “Actualization” of Evil

When Suffering becomes real



Job 1:1 ¶There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

6 ¶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

The Removal of the Hedge



- Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, **Behold, all that he hath [is *Already*] in thy power;** only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

How do we understand ?

Only through a common experience!

Because He himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews
2:18

Hebrews 2:16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

God had a common experience

- 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the MAN Christ Jesus;**
- 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
- John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- Matthew 21:18 ¶ Now in the morning as he returned into the city, **he hungered.**
- John 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, **being wearied** with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
- John 11:35 **Jesus wept.**

God shares our experience!



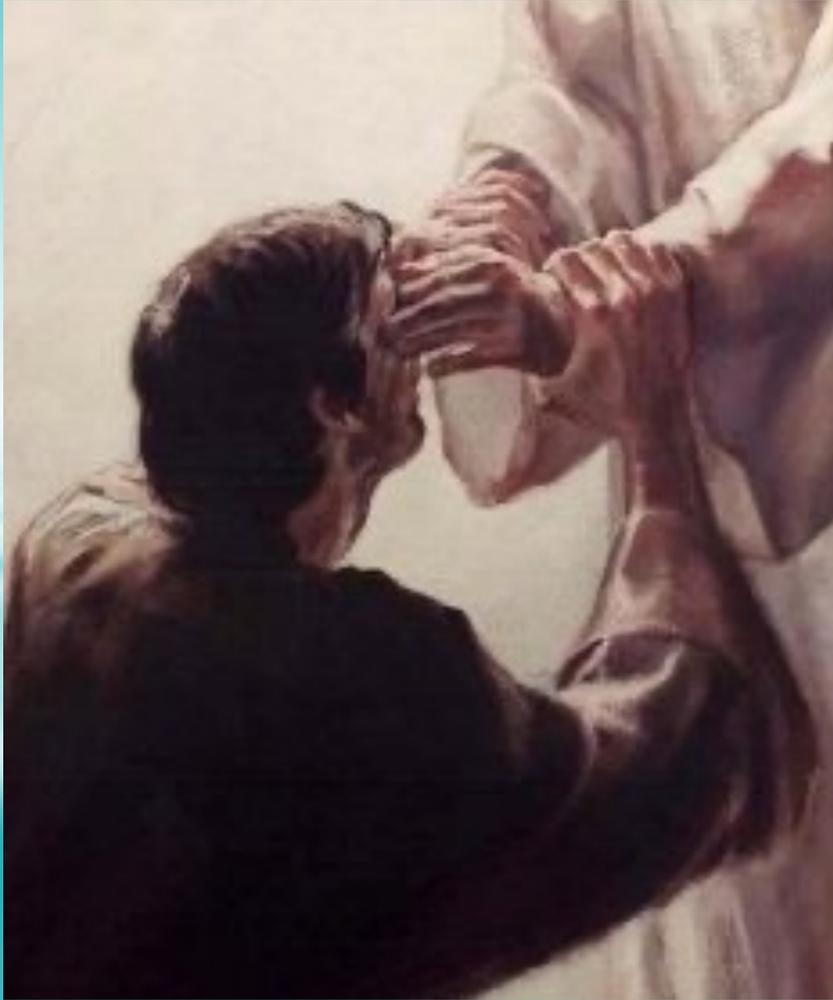
My GOD
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Mark 15:34

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- Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**
- John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the **Father hath not left me alone;** for I do always those things that please him.
- John 16:32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and **yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.**

A blind man sees



- John 9:1 ¶ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

For communication and transfer of Knowledge we must have a common experience!

Some simple questions



- Job 38:18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
- Job 38:19 Where [is] the way [where] light dwelleth? and [as for] darkness, where [is] the place thereof,

Man did not have the common experience



- 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 2 Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
- 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
- 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Romans 8:26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Until... The Holy Spirit came

The Spirit of God

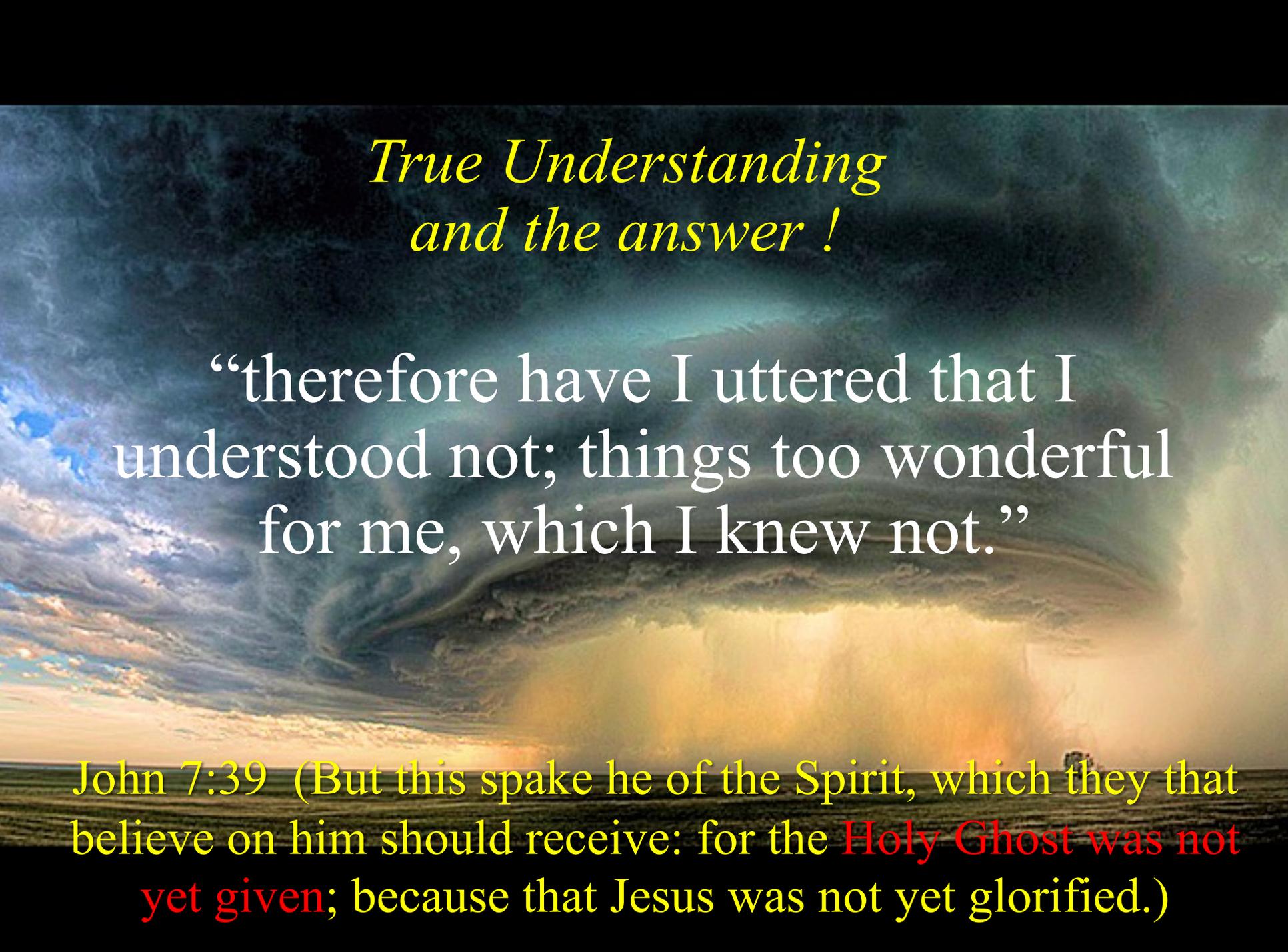


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I understand that I do Not Understand

- Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
- Job 38:2 Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
- Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

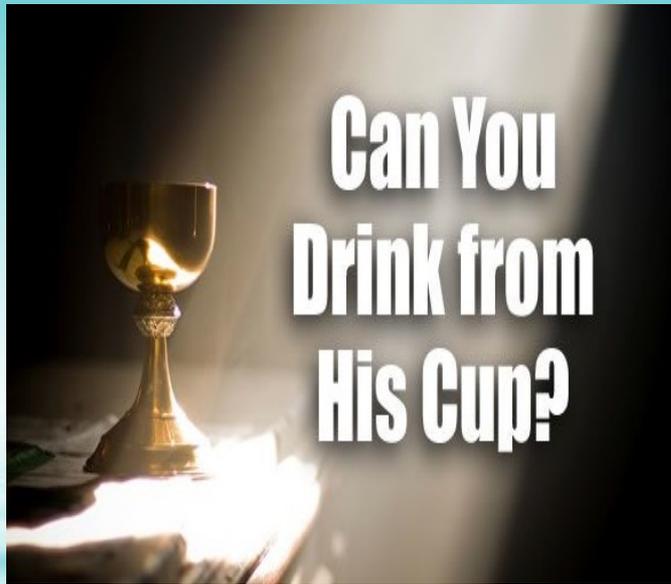


*True Understanding
and the answer !*

“therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.”

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

We Need the Common Experience!



John 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

- Matthew 20:20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.
- 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
- 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to **be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able.
- 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and **be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with:** but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

The Common Experience!

Sharing in the Suffering



1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

- Romans 8:17 ¶And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: