

# “Where I Might Find Him”

## Job 23:1-17

This chapter in the book of Job is one of hope. It is an answer to Eliphaz’s last discourse with Job, but Job doesn’t acknowledge what Eliphaz had to say, he just gives us this discourse regarding the Lord.

There are some very wonderful truths here, as well as some sobering thoughts on our God. It is one of the more encouraging parts of the book of Job when it comes to us knowing that God will be there with us through our trials.

This poem is one where Job starts out with a search for the Lord – it isn’t that he didn’t know where He was, but rather it is a poetic way to make the point that there are certain things God requires of His children before He reveals Himself in full to us.

### **I. STAY TRUE TO THE WAY OF GOD – VS. 1-10**

***A. Even if we aren’t sure where that way is – vs. 2-3***

***B. Even if we aren’t sure how to respond to the way God has chosen for us – vs. 4-7***

1. In verse 4 Job is saying that, given the opportunity, he would point out to God in an orderly manner why he didn’t deserve all that had come his way.
2. It seems as if Job had lost sight of how to communicate with the Lord – at least for the moment.

3. In verse 5 Job says that if he could face God in person and give his side, then he could hear God's side and understand better what was happening.
4. Verse 6 shows that Job wasn't completely unaware that God was there and that ultimately, He would strengthen him.
5. In verse 7 he points out that if given this opportunity, he could lay down a convincing enough argument so as to be delivered from this trial.

***C. Even if we're not sure where God is during our trial – vs. 8-10***

1. Job says no matter where he went, he could not sense God's presence – and that is surely going to be our case at times – vs. 8-9.
2. But, PRAISE GOD for verse 10 – we may not know what all is happening, but we can be absolutely sure God does, and that He is going to make sure we come out of the trial better for it.

**Psalm 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Psalm 139:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

<sup>2</sup> Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

<sup>3</sup> Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

[1 Peter 1:7](#)

<sup>7</sup> 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:

## **II. STAY TRUE TO THE WORD OF GOD – vs. 11-12**

### ***A. By following it – vs. 11***

### ***B. By considering it the most important thing – vs. 12***

[Psalm 19:7-10](#)

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

[Psalm 119:103](#)

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

[Psalm 119:127](#)

<sup>127</sup> Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

## **III. STAY TRUE TO THE WILL OF GOD – vs. 13-17**

## **A. His will is sovereign – vs. 13**

Numbers 23:19–20

<sup>19</sup> God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

<sup>14</sup> I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

James 1:17

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

## **B. His will is settled – vs. 14**

## **C. His will sobering – vs. 15-17**

Conclusion: Are we following the way God wants for us? Are we being faithful to the Word of God? Are we secure in the will of God?