

The Question God Seldom Answers

Scripture: Romans 9:20

Introduction

The biggest question of all is the question, "Why?" We all are confronted with life situations that we don't understand. Often, in the midst of that situation, we begin to question God, his motives, and his methods. But to the question, "Why?", God seldom replies.

I. The situation is a product of past sin

Galatians 6:7-8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

- A. The spiritual law of sowing and reaping
 - 1. We reap what we sow
 - 2. Crop failure did not occur
- B. Salvation brings forgiveness; but sin still bears fruit
 - 1. Prior sins still affect our lives
 - 2. Only grace prevents sin from being reaped

II. The situation may be a part of God's discipline

Hebrews 12:5b-6 NIV My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

- A. God is the master trainer
 - 1. These may be spiritual calisthenics
 - 2. Rigorous training is necessary for proper development
- B. Discipline is both positive and negative

III. The situation may be a spiritual proving ground to prepare you for better things

Genesis 50:20a But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.

- A. The example of Joseph
- B. The example of Job

IV. The situation may have occurred so that a work of God might be displayed in your life

John 9:1-3 NIV As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life...."

- A. God may be using this situation to bring you to a special encounter with Jesus
- B. The miraculous change brought about by that encounter will bring glory to God