



When I Don't Know the Answer

Psalm 73:12-16, 21-24

“Farther Along”

Psalm 73:12-16

- “Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches. 13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence. 14 For all day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning. 15 If I had said, ‘I will speak thus,’ Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children. 16 When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me...”

Psalm 73:21-24

- “...Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind. 22 I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. 23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. 24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.”

1John 3:1-3

- “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”



Mysteries Of Life

- Some things are unknown and unrevealed
 - Deut. 29:29 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”
 - 1Cor. 2:9 - “But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’”
- We can ask more questions than we have been given answers.

Mysteries Of Life

- We have answers to all things that we need in this life.
 - 2Peter 1:3 - “As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”
 - Titus 2:11-12 - “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age”
 - 2Tim. 3:16-17 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



Mysteries Of Life

- The unanswered questions require that we depend on our faith for answers
 - Heb. 11:1 - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
 - Eph. 3:20 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”

? Uncertainties Of Life

- Consider the example of Abraham: God said he would have a son by Sarah; this was beyond Abraham's experience
 - Rom. 4:19-21 - “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

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Uncertainties Of Life

- God assures us that when we are uncertain about life, He is there.
- Uncertain about needs
 - Matt. 6:30 - “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

? Uncertainties Of Life

- Uncertain about matters beyond human control
 - Matt. 8:26 - “But He said to them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”
- Uncertain of self-control
 - Matt. 14:31 - “And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”



Inequities Of Life

- Life also has a certain amount of inequity
- When we are wronged, we must trust God for justice in the end.
 - Ecc. 5:8 - “If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.”

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Inequities Of Life

- Justice is served through the cross.
- Jesus death on the cross was for the sins of humankind.
- If sinners call on the Lord in faith and obedience, God will pay the price for their sins

Inequities Of Life

- Titus 2:14 - “Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”
- 1Tim. 2:5-6 - “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”
- 2Cor. 5:21 - “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
- Rom. 3:25-26 - “Whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

Inequities Of Life

- If one does not accept God's justice through the cross, then he must accept God's justice for eternity.
 - Rom. 12:19 - “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”
 - Heb. 10:30 - “For we know Him who said, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. And again, The LORD will judge His people”
 - Jude 7 - “As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

Farther Along

- 1. “Tempted and tired we’re oft made to wonder
- Why it should be thus all the day long,
- While there are others living about us,
- Never molested though in the wrong.”
- 2. “Sometimes I wonder why I must suffer,
- Go in the cold, the rain, and the snow,
- While many wicked live in great splendor,
- Heedless of where at last they must go.”
- 3. “Tempted and tried how often we question
- Why we must suffer year after year,
- Being accused by those of our loved ones,
- E’en though we walk in God’s holy fear.”

Farther Along

- 4. “Often when death has taken our loved ones,
- Leaving our home so lone and so drear,
- Then do we wonder why others prosper
- Living so wicked year after year.”
- 5. “‘Faithful till death,’ saith our loving Master;
- Short is our time to labor and wait.
- Then will our toiling seem to be nothing
- When we shall pass the heavenly gate.”
- 6. “Soon we shall see our dear loving Savior,
- Hear the last trumpet sound through the sky;
- Then we will meet those gone on before us,
- And we shall know and understand why.”

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Farther Along

- “Farther along we’ll know all about it,
- Farther along, we’ll understand why.
- Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine;
- We’ll understand it all by and by.”