

TWO DANGEROUS LIES

THE PASSAGE: Let Me Remind You . . .

Exodus 6:1-30

(1) What I'm **GOING TO DO**

Exodus 6:1 Exodus 3:16-22

(2) Who **I AM**

Exodus 6:2-5 Exodus 3:15-17 Genesis 22:13-14

(3) Whose **STORY THIS IS**

Exodus 6:6-8

TWO DANGEROUS LIES THAT SATAN WANTS US TO BELIEVE

John 8:44 2 Corinthians 4:4

(1) We're all worshipping

THE SAME GOD IN DIFFERENT WAYS

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 & 1 Corinthians 10:20-22 John 14:6

(2) I'm the star of **MY OWN STORY**

Genesis 3:1-24 James 4:13-15 1 Corinthians 10:31 Isaiah 45:9 Ephesians 2:8-9

Food for Thought for the week of January 10, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Isaiah 40 is one of the best chapters in the Bible for gaining a perspective on who God is because the passage compares him and his power to things we can understand. Take some time to read through Isaiah 40:1-31, and jot down all it says about who God is and how big and powerful he is.

How could a greater understanding of God's absolute power help you to trust him and his perfect timing more?

2. In the story of Job, God gives Satan permission to take away Job's wealth, his ten children and finally his health (Job 1-2). Job found himself in an extremely difficult situation where he was trying to make sense of who God is and what he was up to. Read the following verses and jot down Job's responses and how they can help us develop a more realistic and appropriate response to difficult (and seemingly unfair) circumstances we may face in our own life.

Job 1:18-22

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."

²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. [NIV]

Job 2:7-10

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. [NIV]

Job 27:2-7

² "As surely as God lives, who has denied me justice,
the Almighty, who has made my life bitter,

³ as long as I have life within me,
the breath of God in my nostrils,

⁴ my lips will not say anything wicked,
and my tongue will not utter lies.

⁵ I will never admit you are in the right;

till I die, I will not deny my integrity.

- ⁶ I will maintain my innocence and never let go of it;
my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live.
⁷ "May my enemy be like the wicked,
my adversary like the unjust! [NIV]

Job 29:2-6

- ² "How I long for the months gone by,
for the days when God watched over me,
³ when his lamp shone on my head
and by his light I walked through darkness!
⁴ Oh, for the days when I was in my prime,
when God's intimate friendship blessed my house,
⁵ when the Almighty was still with me
and my children were around me,
⁶ when my path was drenched with cream
and the rock poured out for me streams of olive oil. [NIV]

3. Job's friends tried to figure out what was going on and they got it all wrong too. Read Job 38, 42:1-7 & 10. How could these passages impact your perspective when you find yourself dealing with questions about God's sovereignty and your circumstances?