
OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH IN THE FACE OF CRISIS & CHAOS
(Part 2: Job 42:1-6)

When crisis, calamities and chaos befall us, we naturally ask God the question “Why?” (Job 3:11,20; 7:20; 13:24; 24:1). But we must be cautious and careful that our questions to God would not turn into sinful accusations against God (Job 30:19-31). **Instead of blaming, misjudging and condemning God, a genuine believer confesses his or her unwavering faith in God in the face of tremendous crisis, chaos and evil.** As we reflect on Job’s confession and repentance, let’s consider these three confessions of faith in God.

1. *Since God is all powerful and perfectly just, we gladly submit to His good purposes.*

2. *Since God is all-knowing, we confidently trust His _____.*
Job, as a finite creature, cannot fully understand everything that our infinitely wise God is doing with this world and with his life (Job 42:3). Hence, Job humbly admits that as someone who lacks divine knowledge, he has spoken in foolish ignorance about the sovereign plans and mysterious ways of God and even presumed to advise God (Isaiah 40:13-14). As finite men and women with limited minds, we cannot entirely capture and completely grasp the infinite depth and vast riches of the knowledge and wisdom of God (Romans 11:33-34). If we are to honor God in times of suffering, we must place our confident faith in God and His unfailing wisdom (Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Peter 4:19) God is perfectly wise. Even when we do not fully understand His ways, we can absolutely trust Him. In the end, God will show that His ways, so high above our own, are nevertheless perfectly righteous and altogether good (Isaiah 55:8; Psalm 18:30).

3. *Since God is gracious in revealing Himself, we supremely treasure the _____.*

Job’s greatest blessing was not the restoration of his physical health nor the regaining of his material wealth nor the rebuilding of his family and circle of friends. Job’s greatest blessing which he supremely treasured was the blessing of knowing God better and enjoying a richer relationship with Him (Job 42:4-6; Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3). When God graciously spoke to Job out of the whirlwind, Job saw the glory of God’s attributes. He saw the glory of God’s sovereignty, goodness, compassion and mercy (Job 42:1-2; Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 2:23; James 5:11; Lamentations 3:32). Our greatest blessing is to know God and be known by Him. Enjoying a loving relationship with the true and living God is the ultimate blessing that we must supremely cherish.
