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Asking Our Father Questions hard to answer

Matt 22:15-33

[Genesis 2:1-2](#), Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

[Jeremiah 1:5](#), "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

[Hebrews 4:1-16](#), Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"So I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest,' "

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; ⁵ and again in this *place*: "They shall not enter My rest."

⁶ Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts."

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints

and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[Romans 9:19-24](#), ¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" ²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²² What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, ²⁴ even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

[Psalms 10](#), Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

² The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

³ For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy *and* renounces the LORD.

⁴ The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek *God*; *God is* in none of his thoughts.

⁵ His ways are always prospering; Your judgments *are* far above, out of his sight; As *for* all his enemies, he sneers at them.

⁶ He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."

⁷ His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue *is* trouble and iniquity.

⁸ He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

⁹ He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

¹⁰ So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.

¹¹ He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

¹² Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

¹³ Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require *an account*."

¹⁴ But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay *it* by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*; Seek out his wickedness *until* You find none.

¹⁶ The LORD *is* King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.

¹⁷ LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

¹⁸ To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

[Psalms 37](#). Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

⁶ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

¹⁰ For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be* no *more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be* no *more*.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹² The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³ The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

¹⁵ Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.
22 For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.
25 I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.
26 *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.
28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.
31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.
33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he *was* no *more*; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For the future of *that* man *is* peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

[Psalms 73](#), Truly God *is* good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I *was* envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For *there are* no pangs in their death, But their strength *is* firm.
5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men, Nor are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them *like* a garment.
7 Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression; They speak loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.
11 And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
12 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—
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *Then* I understood their end.
18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.
19 Oh, how they are *brought* to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when *one* awakes, *So*, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.
21 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.
25 *Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.*
26 My flesh and my heart fail; *But* God *is* the ⁶¹strength of my heart and my portion forever.
27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.
28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.