

In our last podcast we discussed that Job's declaration that God "completes both the blameless and wicked" rejects human innocence and religious if/then theology. True righteousness is God's gift through faith, not moral achievement. Trials expose whom people ultimately choose: Yahweh or the world. God's apparent mocking of the innocent's testing reflects His knowledge that suffering will destroy false dependencies and produce enduring faith. Job's statement that earth was given to "the wicked" introduces the unseen government of nations. After Babel, **Yahweh** assigned nations to lesser *elohim*, the "Kings of the Earth," while Satan exercises temporary influence over them. Nevertheless, all remain accountable to **Yahweh's** absolute authority.

Let's pick back up in **EP32 Yahweh According to Job, Job 9:24-35**. This will be a shorter episode as we are completing **Job 9** and will reserve jumping into **Job 10** until our next podcast where we can deal with the entire chapter in one setting.

Job 9:24

The earth has been given into the hand of the wicked, and God covers the eyes of its judges. If not, then who?

Covered Eyes

This phrase, "*and God covers the eyes of its judges,*" is fascinating. The management of the earth has been given into the hands of the wicked (Lucifer) and to these evil rulers, bad governors, or judges. But why does God cover their eyes and from what?

This is so cool! When the wicked one comes to the heavenly council and make accusation against the brethren (remember, according to **Revelation 12:10**, the Satan is the accuser of the brethren who is **now** accusing them before our God, day and night), and God gives him permission to judge a person, as **Yahweh** did with Job, the Satan cannot see what God's plans are for that person.¹ The Satan believes that God agrees with the accusations, and that the person is deserving of judgment or torment (as we all are). So, they are sent to do all that God has directed or has given them permission to do.

But they are deceived because God has hidden or covered their eyes to the deeper spiritual reality of what God intends to accomplish. When we are told that "*God **now** causes all things to work, or to come together, for good to those who are **now** loving God, according to purpose*" (singular, **Plan-A**), they do not get to see that purpose, they do not get to see they synergies that are created and accomplished by the judgment and torment. If they knew, they would not participate.

The best example of this is when we are told that if these spiritual rulers of this age knew what would be accomplished by Jesus' death, they never would have crucified Him.

1 Corinthians 2:6-12

Yet we do **now** speak wisdom among those perfect {"teleios" – made complete}; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are **now** caused to be passing away; but we **now** speak

¹ See also **Zechariah 3:1-2**

God's wisdom in a mystery, that caused to being hidden which God predestined before the ages to our glory; which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory but just as it is written,

"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

For to us God revealed through the Spirit; for the Spirit **now** searches all things, even the depths of God. For to us God revealed through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

For whom among men knows of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

The spiritual rulers of this world, the "*Kings of the Earth*," do not have access to this wisdom, to the purpose, to **Plan-A**, for their eyes have been covered by God. Again, how cool is that. But even more amazing is the fact that the Spirit shares such truths with those perfect or complete (in the Greek, "teleios") – those who have been willing to let Him complete the work.

This is one of the gifts which God gives to those who have endured their trial, their terrible storm, and remain standing in Him. This is why God laughs or mocks at those fighting for their innocence. If they would just let it be, let **Yahweh Qanna** and **Yahweh Mekkodishkem** do what needs to be done, the end will be unbelievably amazing. They get to share in the secrets of God, just as Jesus told His disciples, "*To you it has been caused to be granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been caused to be granted.*"² God literally shares His secrets with His friends, with those who fear Him, i.e., those who have joined Him in His fellowship of suffering.³

This truth causes me to burst out in joy, just saying!

If it is not He, then who is it?

Once again, we must ask, "*If it is not He, then who is it?*" **Yahweh** is the **Adonai**, He is **Shaday** (Almighty) and no one can thwart His will.

Isaiah 14:27

For **Yahweh Sabaoth** (**Yahweh** of Heaven's Host) has purposed, and who can break {or make void}? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can be caused to be turning it back?"

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Blessed are You, O **Yahweh** God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O **Yahweh**, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in

² **Matthew 13:11**

³ **Psalm 25:14; John 15:15**

the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O **Yahweh**, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

In short, nothing happens outside of His **Plan-A**, and the rulers of this age, the “Kings of the Earth,” have been blinded to His purpose.

“If it is not He, then who is it?” poses a question, a statement really, of **Yahweh’s** ultimate and absolute sovereignty over all things. There are no ifs, ands, or buts, God is responsible for all these things, as He is, without exception, 100% sovereign over every aspect of His creation!

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Yahweh is sovereign over all the affairs of man, over the heavens and the affairs of the angels and demons, over all creation including the actions of animals, and over all minutia, even seeming incidentals like the toss of the dice.⁴ However, He conceals His plans from the spiritual forces of evil, but the good news is that He reveals His secrets, His purpose, **Plan-A, to his friends, and those plans are for more of Him.**

Job 9:25-31

My life passes more swiftly than a runner. It flees away without a glimpse of goodness. It disappears like a swift papyrus boat, like an eagle swooping down on its prey. If I decided to forget my complaints, to put away my face and be cheerful, I would still be afraid of all my wounds, for I know you will not find me innocent. I am wicked, why then should I toil in vain?

If I wash myself with snowy water and clean my hands with lye, yet, you are plunging me into a pit, my own clothes abhor me.

This is a statement of extreme hopelessness. Life is passing on by, and Job is stuck in this dilapidated state. There is nothing he can do about it. Even if he tried to fake it for his friends and for his family and be “happy,” he would still live in dread of the inexorable pain that he knows will keep on coming and coming.

Job knows there is no cleaning and scrubbing that can make him acceptable enough or innocent enough before God such that he could stand before **Yahweh** and convince Him to relent. It all seems so

⁴ See: **Genesis 8:22, 45:5, 50:20; Exodus 4:21; Numbers 22:28; Deuteronomy 32:39-40; Judges 14:1-4; 1 Samuel 2:6-8, 16:14-15; 1 Kings 17:4, 22:19-37; 1 Chronicles 21:1/2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 29:11-14; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 24:1-2, 29:9-10, 33:11, 48:1, 76:1-10, 97:9, 103:20-22; 104:4, 104:5-35, 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 16:1, 4, 9-10, 33, 21:1; Ecclesiastes 9:1; Isaiah 14:24; 40:23, 44:24-28, 45:1-7; Jeremiah 5:22, 8:7, 27:5-11, 21-22, 31:35, 32:17-30, 40; Ezekiel 32:4; Daniel 6:22; Amos 3:6; Mark 4:39; John 3:27, 15:16; Acts 2:22-24, 4:23-28; Ephesians 1:11, 2:10, 4:6; Philippians 2:9-13**

hopeless. God will simply not relent for He has purpose and He is determined.

Just think about it. This sense of hopelessness provides us a powerful picture of the condition of all of humanity who has not chosen to take a hold of the great gift of the mercy of God. It is an awful way to live, but it explains why people turn in desperation to so many coping mechanisms to find help, to find relief, to find an answer, to find innocence.

Job 9:32-35

For not a man like me, so I cannot testify against him, us entering together in judgment. Neither is there any mediator between us [that] might lay his hand on us both. Let him be removing his rod from me and let not dread of him terrify me. I would speak and not be terrified, but I am not like that in myself.

Job may not know it, but he touches on the answer to his hopelessness, the role which **Yahweh Yasha** (**Yahweh** who saves) performs for the benefit of those who now and continually bet their life on His name. We have a mediator with the Father; Jesus is our lawyer who pleads our case.⁵ And because of His perfect work of redemption, we can boldly come before our Father without fear and speak our heart. And since Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we know this has always been His role.⁶ Yes, even though Job laments pleading for a mediator, he always had one in **Yahweh Yahsha**.

For each of us, the Holy Spirit is crystal clear, Jesus is our mediator and He is always busy interceding on our behalf with the Father.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For one God, and **one mediator** also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who was giving Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony at the proper time.

Romans 8:31-35

What in the future do we say to these things? If God for us, who against us? He who did not choose to spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him in the future freely give us all things?

Who in the future dares, to bring a charge against God's chosen? God is **now** justifying; who is **now** condemning? Christ Jesus is He who was dying, yes, rather caused to being raised, who is **now** at the right hand of God, **who also now intercedes for us**.

Hebrews 7:23-25

The former priests, on the one hand, **now** exist and came to being in greater numbers because they

⁵ Lamentations 3:58

⁶ Hebrews 13:8

are **now** caused to be prevented by death from **now** continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He **now** continues forever, **now** holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore, He **now** chooses also to **now** save forever those who choose to **now** be drawing near to God through Him, **since He always is now living to now make intercession for them.**

Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 8:6, and 9:13-15 also speak of Jesus (and the Spirit of Christ) functioning as our mediator, even praying for us, when we are unable, according to the will of the Father. And just as Job desired, as our mediator Jesus has brought us and the Father together; He is our bridge or the pathway to the Father.

John 16:26-27

In that day you will in the future choose to ask in My name, and I **now** do not **now** say to you that I will in the future request of the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself **now** loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

For those who come to Jesus by faith, there is nothing that separates them from the Father. Even our blackest sin fails to create even the smallest of rifts.

Yahweh Yasha suffered once for our wrongs, and His sacrifice is a done deal. As a result, no charges remain against us no matter what we have done or what we may do. As I said before, there is no trace of wrong left to right. How is that for a statement on our unbelievable freedom from the issue of sin?

With sin being a non-issue, all that remains is our *willingness* to let **Yahweh Qanna, Yahweh Mekoddishkem, and Yahweh Yasha** complete the work so that we may choose to live free. And that requires us to now and continually be believing in the name of Jesus, the name **Yahweh**.⁷ This is where the rubber meets the road, so to speak, and we must choose to endure no matter what **Yahweh**, in His wisdom takes us through to free us from this world, from the Kings of the Earth, and from the ME.

Accordingly, there is hope in the face of what would otherwise be bleak hopelessness; but it is found in Jesus. And because of the work of Christ, we can live without fear; we can live rooted and grounded in the Father's love even during times where our pain drives us to question everything.

Jesus told us the Father now loves us because we have chosen to love Jesus in return and have firmly and uncompromisingly believed that He came forth from the Father.⁸ Therefore we can draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.⁹

Keep in mind, however, our Mediator will not make God stop the lash, for death of all that is dead and dying is necessary for us to enter His rest and live free. But during it all **Yahweh Yasha** will be the glue that holds us together with the Father, if we are *willing* to let Him. He will be the force that effects the merger of our life into His life. And it is the hope of this merger that will become our purpose to endure and reason

⁷ **John 16:9**

⁸ **John 16:25-28**

⁹ **Hebrews 4:16**

to submit ourselves to His lash without guilt, shame, or the fear that we are being punished.

Lamentations 3:22-33

Yahweh's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "**Yahweh** is my portion," says my soul, therefore I have hope in Him. **Yahweh** is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of **Yahweh**. It is good for a man that he should bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone and be silent since He has laid it on him. Let him put his mouth in the dust, perhaps there is hope. Let him give his cheek to the smiter, let him be filled with reproach. For **Yahweh** will not reject forever, for if He causes grief, then He will have compassion according to His abundant lovingkindness. For He does not afflict willingly or grieve the sons of men.

Instead of hopelessness, we above all people, those who bet their lives on the name of **Yahweh**, can live with great hope looking forward to our being perfected, completed, in love. His lovingkindness is so great and beyond our imagination, that even our darkest days and nights are like light to Him all because of what He is accomplishing with them.

This explains why the Father was pleased to brutally crush Jesus. He knew all that it would accomplish for Jesus and for us. We are told Jesus would be satisfied with His travails when He sees the offspring, the children, the brothers, which God had chosen for Him.¹⁰

Our suffering is about bringing about the fulfillment of that hope, that we might be perfected in or merged into His love, knowing and experiencing unity with the Godhead.¹¹ In fact, when we become truly convinced of the height, depth, width, and length of God's love for us, then fear of punishment and the hopelessness that comes with it will have no place in us to attach. We will live free of despair always convinced that God has a purpose.¹²

To know **Yahweh** in this way, He must first deliver us from all our fears.¹³ And when fear is replaced by our knowledge of His love, by the beauty of His name, we will be convinced that even the greatest afflictions which come into our lives have nothing to do with punishment but have everything to do with relationship, with **Yahweh Qanna** (**Yahweh** who is Jealous for us), **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (**Yahweh** who sets us apart for Himself) and **Yahweh Yasha** (**Yahweh** who saves us from ourselves and from everything that does not want Him to be our **I AM**), drawing us closer and giving us the opportunity to submit our ways, our wisdom, and our perspective on life to Him.

This is the only pathway that will enable us to see as He sees, hear as He hears, speak as He speaks, and do as He does. In fact, when we fully embrace His love for us, we will be able to call Him Abba (daddy), and we will first, foremost, and always, find our identification and purpose in being His child, His precious possession.¹⁴

¹⁰ **Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:9-13**

¹¹ **John 17:20-22**

¹² **1 John 4:18; Ephesians 3:17-19**

¹³ **Psalms 34:4**

¹⁴ **Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6**

Let's stop here and we will pick up in ***Job 10***.

I am glad you tuned in and have been ready to listen