

Mosaic Teaching Guide

Teaching Series: *The Way of Wisdom*

Teaching Five: *The Wisdom of Faithful Rebellion*

Job 3.1-10

“After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. Job said: “Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man-child is conceived.’ Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, or light shine on it. Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds settle upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. That night—let thick darkness seize it! let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. Yes, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry be heard in it. Let those curse it who curse the Sea, those who are skilled to rouse up Leviathan. Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none; may it not see the eyelids of the morning— because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb, and hide trouble from my eyes.”

Question for Everyone

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being God is a distant, albeit benevolent being, who rarely if ever gets involved in the affairs of the world to 10 being God is in absolute control of every molecule of heaven and earth) where are you on this “God is in control” scale?

Blaming the Victim

Job’s “Friends”

Two Responses to Suffering: Rebellion or Sainly Piety

Job’s “Friends” Comfort Him

“Has a truly innocent person ever ended up on the scrap heap (4.7, *The Message*)?” “But you can be sure of this, you haven’t gotten half of what you deserve” (11.6, *The Message*).

Bruce Almighty

“Folk religion thrives on clichés and slogans that fit on bumper stickers and resists their critical examination even by the litmus test of Scripture” (Dr. Roger Olson, *Questions to All Your Answers*, p. 15).

Everything Happens for a Reason

A Community of Friends