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Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. **How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!**

Psalm 2:12

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They have lied about the LORD And said, “Not He; Misfortune will not come on us, And we will not see sword or famine. Jeremiah 5:12

“They have **healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ But there is no peace.** Jeremiah 6:14

“Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail.

Jeremiah 7:8

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For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, 15 who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. **They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men, 16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost.**

1 Thessalonians 2:14–16

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Failure to see God rightly concerning judgment **leads to self-righteous judgment of God and others, looking to God to eliminate our fears rather than looking to Him to speak truth to us IN our fears.**

We ALL know that pride is dangerous and that we are not the final word, yet how do we end up even as professing Christians being our own authority (their justice and authority originate with themselves)?

- Our lack of trust in others interpretation of God's word makes us trust our own uncertain word
- Jm. 1:23 – 26 look at God's Word, then do own thing neglecting God's word
- Our own reasoning comes from our own tests/feelings; yet Eve's tests for eating the fruit were not sufficient to keep her from sinning because she is finite
- Less surrendered to what God would have us do and more focused on our dreams and "needs"

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For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

Lessons About Faith

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Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. 14 “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

Matthew 15:12–14

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Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." 38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him. 39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

John 9:35-41

If we take the message of verse 5 to heart, what will change about our When & Why questions as look at injustice, hypocrisy, perversion, and violence?

- They will be asked from a position of “under” (we have specific jobs to still do that matter, we have knowledge that He knows more, is responsible)
- God sees my predicament and all other pieces that we are not seeing (i.e. Hagar) knowing this God brings hope
- You would not believe this is comforting because something larger that can comprehend His power & compassion free me to trust Him

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"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print." William Gurnall

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2. You are His, not yours. See ALL circumstances as coming from under His hand.

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Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

1 Peter 4:12

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Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old, 22 Unless You have utterly rejected us And are exceedingly angry with us.

Lamentations 5:21–22

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