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“Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!”
Job 23:3

“But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall
come forth as gold,” Job. 23:10.

Job could not find God to plead his case with Him, yet Job was fully aware that God knew his situation. In time, God would vindicate him and allow him to shine as gold.

Job 23:3, 8-12

3 Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!

8 "Look, I go forward, but He is not there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9 When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him;
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.

10 But He knows the way that I take;
When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot has held fast to His steps;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth
More than my necessary food.

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Dr. Harold L. Willmington list 14 topics that Job debated with his accusers. How do we identify with Job in his discussion?

1. I am righteous, and therefore not suffering for my sin (27:6; 31:1-40).
2. "In the past I have performed many good works" (29:12-17, 30:25).
3. "Oh, for those good old days when I enjoyed health, wealth, and respect" (29:1-11, 20:25).
4. "But now I am being unfairly punished by God" (9:16-17, 30-33; 10:2, 7-8; 13:26-27; 19:6-11; 30:20-21).
5. "My three so-called friends are miserable comforters" (12:2; 13:4; 16:2; 19:3).
6. "If they were in my place, I would help them and not unjustly accuse them" (16:4-5).
7. "Even my neighbors, associates, and servants have turned against me" (19:13-22; 30:1, 9-10).
8. "I wish I could find the answers for all this" (28:12-28).
9. "I wish I could find God" (23:8-9).
10. "My flesh is clothed with worms" (7:5, 13-14; 30:17-18, 30).
11. "I wish I had never been born" (3:3-11, 16; 10:18).
12. "I wish I were dead" (6:8-9; 7:15-16).
13. "I have no hope" (10:20-22).
14. "In spite of all, I'll trust God" (13:15; 16:19; 23:10).

On this side of the Cross (Rom. 1:16-22), God has clearly revealed Himself so that we should not have to deal with the same issues that Job dealt with.

God has revealed Himself:

- a. Through Jesus *Christ*
- b. Through the *Cross*
- c. Through Creation
- d. Through the *Canon* of Scriptures
- e. Through *Conscience*
- f. Through faithful *Christians*
- g. Through *Criminals*

"In spite of all, I'll trust God" (13:15; 16:19; 23:10)

Job 13:15

15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.

Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.
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Job 16:19
9 Surely even now my witness is in heaven,
And my evidence is on high.
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Job 23:10
10 But He knows the way that I take;
When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.
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