

Fullness of God

God wants us to know Him in His fullness. In Him there is liberty, joy, love, peace, freedom, security, and a whole lot more. How could one possibly measure the fullness of God? Who could possibly put limitations on Him? Let's look at Job. Job didn't think that he was putting limits on God. He was always seeking Him for mercy for himself and his family by making daily sacrifices at the altar. No doubt God loved this, yet God wanted Job to know Him in His fullness. For Job to understand all of what God could do, God had to allow unbearably hard times.

Even though Job was a good man who served God, he suffered unimaginable pain in his body and he cried out for the dogs to lick his sores. He experienced trials of every sort. His friends were less than friends, his children were dead, his livestock was gone, his livelihood was lost, his health was gone, his money was gone, and his wife was a complainer that turned on God and told him to curse God and die. Yet in all this, Job knew God was real and he kept his integrity. He never gave up on God nor did he curse Him even though he was going through the worst time of his life. All Job could do was to remember the God he had met at the altar. He wrestled with why God chose to take everything. Were his children dying in His plans? Was his now rebellious wife still who God wanted him to be with? Did he do something so horrible that God was displeased, and God now wasn't talking to him?

So Job was in a state of confusion. He wondered who was right. His so-called friends were saying many things that could be right or seemed right, and at times Job even sided with them. All the while Job's heart was to return to worship God at the altar, but he had no animals to make a sacrifice. All Job could do was reminisce the good times and wish he could return to the old life. A life where his wife was sweet, his children were around his table, his livestock were in the fields, no pain in his body, and people would surround him with joy.

But God did not want Job to live in the past. God is a God of the now. God wanted Job to know that nothing is impossible with Him. God is absolute. He is certainly sovereign and can turn any situation around at His own choice. This is the God that had defended Job when Satan came accusing him, but God only bragged on Job's integrity. God was after more, He wanted Job to know Him in His fullness. So, a day came when God spoke directly to Job requiring him to stand before Him. No matter the pain Job was in, he stood up, girded himself, and stood before God. Then God began to declare to Job who He is. God declared some of His mighty acts and asked Job, "Where were you when I did all these things?" Job was speechless as he stood before the fullness of God.

Job acknowledged that he had falsely judged God and confessed to not speaking again. But God loved Job anyway and took an opportunity to declare His sovereign, majestic acts. In all of this God let Job know that there are no limitations with Him. God only places limits on things to work for the good, such as the proud waves that God commanded that they should come this far and no farther. It wasn't because God had limits, but because God was declaring His authority on what the waves could and could not do. At the end of this encounter, Job came to understand the limitless and unmeasurable God. God gave him twice as much as before. And with the same wife, Job had seven more children that were more beautiful than the first seven, and Job experienced a fullness in God that he could never have known prior to this. He had met the unthinkable God until he was filled to overflowing.

Daddy God, I love you!

I pray that they will experience a fullness in you. You *are* the unthinkable! I know that you want them to know you in your fullness and how limitless you are. They may be going through tough times but let them see you. I pray that they will experience a fullness in you that they cannot comprehend! Let them experience your love, your joy, your peace in ways they never thought possible. Let them feel you in their lives as never before. You are God all by yourself! You are sovereign and you are without measure! May your love overwhelm them until they are filled with the fullness of you! In the mighty name of Jesus! Ephesians 3:19 *"And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God."* Amen!

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