

BIBLICAL WISDOM #7 - DO NOT TURN BACK

PSALM 90:1-17

He knows our beginning, middle, and end. Don't allow the things you don't know to interfere with the things you do know.

I. THE MOUNTAIN

A. God is there LUKE 9:28-35

1. Definitely considered a "mountaintop experience"
2. Count on flesh for bad ideas (sleeping - vs. 32)
3. God corrected Peter - Only Jesus! (vs. 35)

B. Foremost: Always give God the praise! (JOB 1:21)

1. Blessings not earned by flesh (JAMES 1:17)
2. It certainly isn't our power (MATT. 6:27)

II. THE VALLEY

A. God is there 1 KINGS 19:9-18

1. Would make sense if you started with the cave
2. Elijah had forgotten God's hand
 - a. Fed by Ravens 1 KINGS 17:6
 - b. Fed by Unending Meal and Oil 1 KINGS 17:16
 - c. Used by God to raise the dead 1 Kings 17:22
 - d. Called fire down from Heaven 1 Kings 18:38

B. In the valley, we only see the valley (vs. hilltop)

1. Stay in the car - KEEP GOING! (7000 in Israel)
2. The view from the mountaintop reveals much!

III. THE HIGHWAY

A. God is there LUKE 24:13-16

1. They had business and were not paying attention
2. They had cares and were not paying attention
3. Even when we don't "see" Him, he's there

B. Even when we run from Him (ACTS 9:5)

C. Seek to see God's hand in your life (PSA. 77:10)

IV. THE BIWAY

A. God is there LUKE 10:30-37

1. He tells us go and do likewise (vs. 37)
2. He fell, out of the way, off the beaten path

B. No matter the way we left or stumble back LUKE 15:20

C. He is always waiting for us to turn back to Him!

CONCLUSION: (ECC. 12:13) Reverence God. Keep His commandments.

LUKE 9:28 - "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

JOB 1:21 - "And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

JAMES 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

MATT. 6:27 - "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"

PSALMS 77:10 - "And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High."

ACTS 9:5 - "And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

ECC. 12:13 - "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."