

Cross Centered Examination March 12, 2023

1. God Examines Us

Job 7:17-19, *“What is man that You magnify him, and that You are concerned about him, ¹⁸ That You examine him every morning and try him every moment? ¹⁹ “Will You never turn Your gaze away from me, nor let me alone until I swallow my spit?” (NASB)*

“What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention, that you examine him every morning and test him every moment? Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?” (NIV)

“What are people, that you should make so much of us, that you should think of us so often? ¹⁸ For you examine us every morning and test us every moment. ¹⁹ Why won't you leave me alone, at least long enough for me to swallow!” (NLT)

Job 13:9, *“Will it be well when God examines you? Or will you deceive God as one deceives a man?”*

Psalms 139:1-14, *“O Lord, You have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. ³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. ⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it. ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, ¹⁰ even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,” ¹² even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You. ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.” ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”*

Hebrews 4:13, *“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of God to whom we must give account.”*

2 Corinthians 5:10, *“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”*

Psalms 26:2, *“Examine me, O Lord, and try me; test my mind and my heart.”*

Psalms 139:23-24, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; ²⁴ and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”*

2. We are to Examine Ourselves

2 Corinthians 13:5, *“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?”*

Jeremiah 17:9-10, *“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? ¹⁰ “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.”*

Lamentations 3:39-40, *“Why should any living mortal, or any man, offer complaint in view of his sins? ⁴⁰ Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord.”*

Why should anyone complain when God punishes them for their unrepentant sin?

John 5:14, *“Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”*

2 Peter 1:8; 11, *“If these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.”*