

When God Disappoints Us
Is God Unfair?

Job 30:26-27 "Yet when I hoped for good, evil came; when I looked for light, then came darkness. The churning inside me never stops."

- I. Four Options For Responding To God
 - A. "**Curse God and die**" Job 2:9
 - B. Acknowledge God, but **limit His Ability**
 - C. **Evade Unfairness** by looking to the future
 - D. **Deny** the problem and insist the **world is fair**
- II. Typical Christian Response
 - A. **Watering** it down.
- III. A Reality Check
 - A. Life is **Unfair**
 - B. God's **Existence**, even his love for me, does not depend on **my good health**.
 - C. The **Physical** vs. **Spiritual** Life
 1. The **Sinai** Test
 - A. **Physical Success**
 - B. **Health**
 - C. **Prosperity**
 - D. **Military Victory**
 - E. No Help to Israelites' **Spiritual Performance**
 2. Heroes of Faith
 - A. Moved from **Contract** Faith to **Sustaining** Faith
- IV. Learning From Job
 - A. **Creation** Proclaims God's Omnipotence
 - B. God's **power** and man's **frailty** are contrasted

Job 40:2-3

Job answered God: "I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything.

Nothing and no one can upset your plans.
You asked, 'Who is this muddying the water, ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?' I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head.
You told me, 'Listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. You give the answers.'
I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears! I'm sorry—forgive me. I'll never do that again, I promise!
I'll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor."