

Job 38:1-4

Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand."

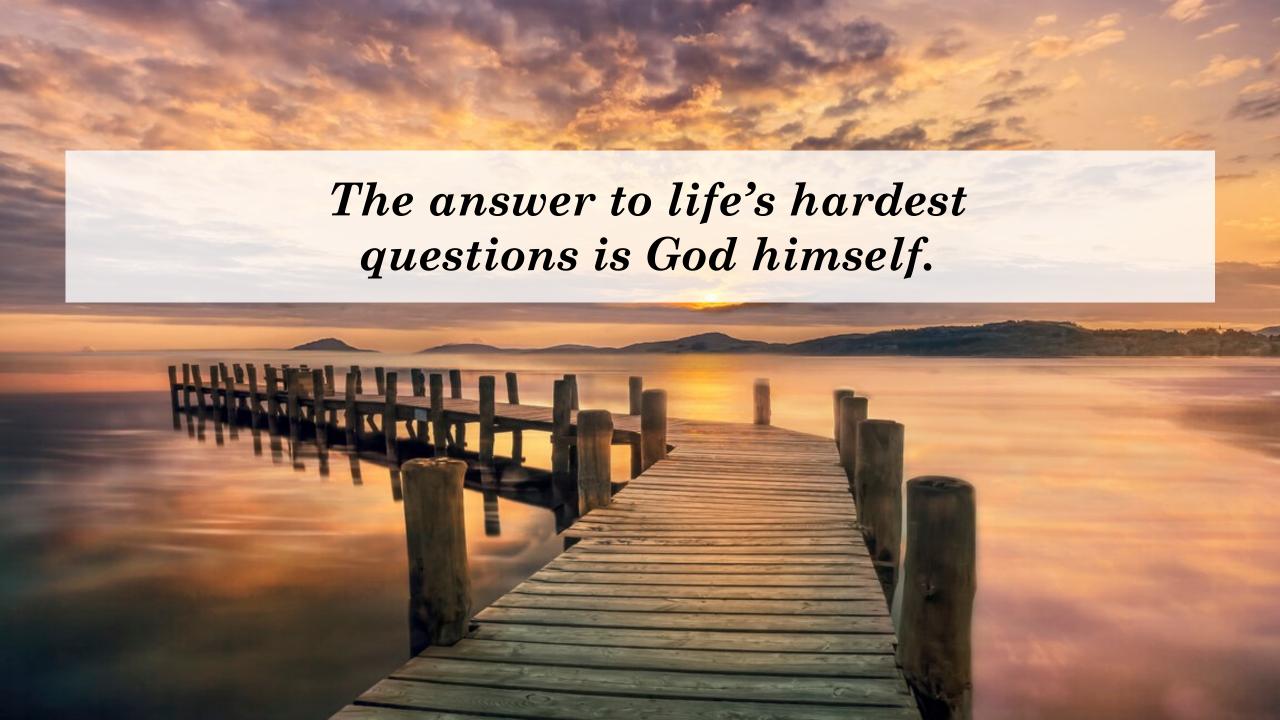


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O.k., God is all-powerful, but how is that helpful? How is that an answer?

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- God's response is a truly effective appearance to a man in pain.

God reveals aspects of his own character that directly connect to Job's pain. He reveals truths to Job that he needs to know when he's suffering—truths that we need to know when we're suffering, too.

Divine STRENGTH

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When I am suffering, I need to know that God is still in charge of the universe.

Divine WISDOM

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When I am suffering, I need to know that God still has a good purpose for me.

Divine JOY

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When I am suffering, I need to know that God is still delighted with his creation.

Divine LOVE

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When I am suffering, I need to know that God still cares about me personally.

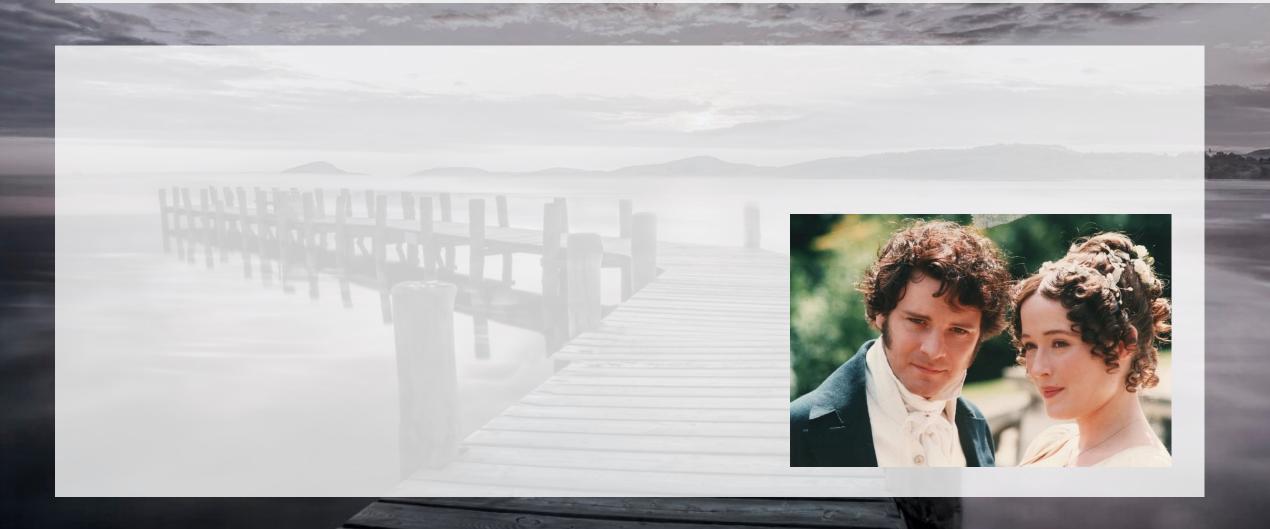


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"My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you." (Job 42:5)

If Job can see the beautiful face of God, who loves his creatures with great joy and delight—as a mother loves her children—then Job will see, or feel in some way that he, too, is encompassed by that love.



When Mr. Darcy finally reveals himself in all of his charity, love, and good deeds, Elizabeth is

melted by love.



