

Why Me?

(Job 3:11-26)

- Introduction:
1. Probably, we've all asked this question.
 2. The context may be as trivial as getting in a long line at the grocery store or as serious as receiving life shaking news.
 3. While many may tell you not to ask this question, I am telling you that we don't ask this question enough.
 4. This lesson is intended to explain why.

I. "Why Me" Is Usually Asked Negatively

- A. Nearly every time we hear anyone ask, "Why me?" they ask it in the context of pain, loss, or sorrow.
- B. But this really may expose more about us than we realize.
- C. It may indicate that we have a faulty theology.
 1. What we're saying is these sorts of things shouldn't happen to a person like me. Maybe other people, but not people like me.
 2. It may indicate that we've bought into a world view more in line with Karma than Christianity.
- D. As Christians, we are just as susceptible to hardship, pain, and suffering as anyone else.
- E. Doesn't God dispel that notion in the book of Job?
- F. Also, Jesus dispels it in (John 9:1-3).
- G. Suffering can also be good and remedial (Psalm 119:71).
- G. Maybe a better question would be, "Why not me?"

II. "Why Me" Should Be Asked Positively

- A. How often do we, when we are the recipients of the blessings of God's providence and protection do we ask, "Why me?"
- B. Why out of all the people in the world have I been blessed as I have?
- C. Why are we so quick and vocal to pin our troubles on God and complain about our misfortunes, but are often as silent as the tomb when we are blessed?
- D. If we're willing to "shake our fists" toward heaven, should we not be just as willing to "lift holy hands" in his praise?
- E. Let us learn to give thanks (Philippians 4:6).
- F. (Psalm 103:1-14).

- Conclusion:
1. I'll admit it. I ask the question, "Why me?" but not nearly enough as I should.
 2. I also want to encourage you to do the same.
 3. As we enter this "thanksgiving" season, let us glory in his holy name (Psalm 105:3).