



THE GREATEST WORDS IN THE BIBLE
“THE MOST MYSTERIOUS WORD: _____”
JUDGES 6:13

WHAT IS THE MOST MYSTERIOUS WORD? SOME MIGHT SAY DEATH, AND OTHERS WOULD SAY ETERNITY. WHAT IS THE WORD, THAT IF WE KNEW ITS ANSWER, THEN WE WOULD KNOW AS MUCH AS GOD? WHAT IS THE WORD FOR THE ANSWER TO WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE GATES OF HEAVEN ARE OPENED? THAT WORD IS WHY. “WHY, THEN, HAS ALL OF THIS BEFALLEN US?”(JUDGES 6:13).

GIDEON’S WHY

THE MIDIANITES SUBDUED THE LAND OF ISRAEL FOR YEARS. ONE DAY AN ANGEL MESSENGER APPEARED TO GIDEON AS HE WAS THRESHING GRAIN, AND PROCLAIMED, “THE LORD IS WITH THEE...”. GIDEON’S HEART WAS HEAVY OVER THE PLIGHT OF HIS COUNTRY, AND HE FOUND THIS MESSAGE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE. THIS LED TO HIS QUESTION---“IF GOD IS WITH US, THEN WHY HAS ALL OF THIS ADVERSITY OVERCOME US?”

DO YOU EVER FEEL THIS WAY? IF GOD IS WITH US, THEN WHY ARE ALL OF THESE BAD THINGS HAPPENING TO US?

THE ANGEL DID NOT DIRECTLY ANSWER GIDEON’S “WHY?”, BUT INSTEAD CALLED HIM TO ACTION. THAT IS ALSO GOD’S ANSWER TO US SOMETIMES WHEN WE ASK “WHY?” OUR PART IS TO TAKE OUR PLACE IN THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO STAND FOR TRUTH AND WHO FIGHT FOR GOD. NOTHING IS GAINED BY SITTING DOWN AND ASKING WHY SUCH ARE AS THEY ARE.

JOB’S WHY

JOB, THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST BLESSED MAN OF HIS TIME, IS THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD. WITH GOD’S PERMISSION, SATAN IS ALLOWED TO TEST JOB. THIS IS DONE BY TAKING EVERYTHING AWAY AND AFFLICTING HIS BODY WITH PAIN.

JOB DOES NOT SIN THROUGH ALL OF THIS, BUT HE DOES ASK GOD WHY? THE LORD DID NOT ANSWER JOB’S “WHY?” BUT HE DID GIVE HIM FAITH. LIKE JOB, SOMETIMES ALL WE CAN DO IS TO PUT OUR TRUST IN GOD AND HAVE FAITH THAT HE WILL TAKE CARE OF US.

I KNOW THERE ARE NO ERRORS
IN THE GREAT ETERNAL PLAN,
AND ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER
FOR THE FINAL GOOD OF MAN.
AND I KNOW WHEN MY SOUL SPEEDS ONWARD
IN ITS GRAND ETERNAL QUEST,
I SHALL SAY AS I LOOK BACK EARTHWARD,
“WHATEVER IS----IS BEST.”

----- ELLA WHEELER WILCOX