

**Is This It? Isn't There Something More?**

**"Why We Get Disillusioned With God"**

(Part 3)

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**I. God Didn't \_\_\_\_\_ In The Way I Wanted**

A. Disillusionment is the result of unmet expectations

*I Kings 18:37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." (NIV)*

B. Disillusionment is removed as we choose to trust God again

**II. God Didn't \_\_\_\_\_ When I Wanted**

*Jer. 15:17-18 "I never joined the people in their merry feasts. I sat alone because your hand was on me. I was filled with indignation at their sins. Why then does my suffering continue? Why is my wound so incurable? Your help seems as uncertain as a seasonal brook, like a spring that has gone dry." (NLT)*

A. Disillusionment is the result when we feel we can't trust God

*Ps. 25:16-17 "Turn to me and have mercy, for I am alone and in deep distress. My problems go from bad to worse. Oh, save me from them all!" (NLT)*

B. Disillusionment is removed as we embrace Biblical understanding of pain

*I Peter 4:19 "So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." (NIV)*

*James 1:2-4 "Dear brothers and sisters when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (NLT)*

**III. God Allows So Much \_\_\_\_\_ In This World**

*Ps. 94:20-21 "Can unjust leaders claim that God is on their side—leaders whose decrees permit injustice? They gang up against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death." (NLT)*

*Jer. 12:1 "LORD, you always give me justice when I bring a case before you. So let me bring you this complaint: Why are the wicked so prosperous? Why are evil people so happy? (NLT)*

A. Disillusionment is the result when we see so much injustice

B. Disillusionment is removed when we embrace an eternal perspective

*Ps. 73:16-17 "So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper. But what a difficult task it is! Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked." (NLT)*

#### **IV. God Seems \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ps. 42:3 "Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?" (NLT)*

*Ps. 10:1 "O LORD, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?" (NLT)*

A. Disillusionment is the result when we feel abandoned by God

B. Disillusionment is removed as we respond with patient obedience

#### **V. We Believe God Should Be \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Disillusionment is the result of our pride

*Job 9:32 "God is not a mortal like me, so I cannot argue with him or take him to trial." (NLT)*

B. Disillusionment is removed when we respond with humility

*Is. 55:8-9 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (NLT)*

*Is. 40:13-14 "Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice?" (NLT)*

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