

FINDING TREASURE IN DARKNESS

Happily Ever After? Part 6

“He wrapped himself in a trench coat of black rain-cloud darkness.”

2 Samuel 22:12 (MSG)

“God has blocked my path and turned my light to darkness.”

Job 19:8 (LB)

“Answer me, O Lord my God; give me light in my darkness lest I die.”

Psalms 13:3 (LB)

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.”

Isaiah 45:3 (NIV)

GOD HAS CONCEALED RICHES IN THE DARKNESS OF SUFFERING.

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places.”

So that you may know.

GOD HAS THE POWER TO INTERVENE IN OUR DARKNESS.

“I am the LORD, the God of Israel...”

“The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: ‘I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble...’”

Isaiah 57:15a (NLT)

GOD WILL BE CLOSE TO US IN OUR DARKNESS.

“...who summons you by name.”

“...so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find Him. He doesn’t play hide-and-seek with us. He’s not remote; He’s near.”

Acts 17:27b (MSG)

What we KNOW leads us to worship.

“At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.’”

Job 1:20-21 (NIV)

There are many things you can praise God for even in pain:

- That He is a good and loving God (Job 10:12)
- That He is all-powerful (Job 36:22; 37:5,23)
- That He notices every detail of my life (Job 23:10; 31:4)
- That He is in control (Job 34:13)
- That He has a plan for my life (Job 23:14)
- That He will protect me (Job 5:11)

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights.”

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)

Treasures in the Darkness:

“Even when walking through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way.”

Psalms 23:4 (LB)

“Lord, you have brought light to my life; my God, you light up my darkness.”

Psalms 18:28 (NLT)

“Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God.”

Isaiah 50:10 (NIV)

