

Sermon Title: “The Hymn of Worship”

Primary Text: Job 28

In **Job 28**, the author seems to change his tone for a moment as he encourages us to seek out the origin of Wisdom itself, not just the reason behind the calamity Job is experiencing. This week Pastor Zach helped us see how our search for *answers* has to start with our search for the *source* of those answers,

Jesus Christ

Job begins this central “Hymn” of wisdom recognizing that while mankind has accomplished – and will accomplish – many great things, ultimately its ability to find true meaning will be fruitless. In many ways, that’s what the three cycles/conversations in **Job 4-27** have been, four friends trying to make sense of what has happened. This isn’t foreign to our own experience as we *often* spend a significant time trying to parse out what we may have done to “deserve” whatever crisis we are currently enduring.

Perhaps more than any other chapter so far, **Job 28** helps us realize what Job has been arguing all along. It’s not about the “why” or the “what” of our suffering or trial, it’s the **who** is sovereign over it all. God isn’t merely a detached deity unaware or uncaring, He is the **wisdom** and **reason** that we may never fully grasp. Our true worship isn’t about simply singing “I Trust You” on Sunday, but rightly acknowledging who God really is as revealed in His word, His Character, and His deeds through our obedience and our praise and worship. When our search for answers rightly ends in the source of Wisdom – Jesus Christ – our right and reasonable response becomes Worship

Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:

Proverbs 1:7 Psalm 96:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 1 Corinthians 1:30 Colossians 2:3

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Job 28:1-19** show how mankind is able to do great things, but they ultimately can’t find true answers or peace. In what ways have you tried to find your *own* Wisdom?
- Pastor Zach pointed out that we often look for peace in possessions, accomplishments, relationships, or even our own feelings. Which of those temptations do you most frequently struggle with?
- **Romans 12:1-2** says worship isn’t about the “songs” or “services” we do, but a whole-life process. Was this surprising to you? How does that affect the way you go about your week?
- How can you seek **Jesus** in the midst of your unanswered questions and frustrations this week?

Guided Prayer

*Lord Jesus, It is so easy to try to find answers to “why” and solutions to problems on my own. I thank you that we carry the image of your creativity so that we can find solutions, but help me look to you instead of just to myself. I know you are **sovereign**, and I am **safe** in your care. Help me Worship you this week, not just with my words but in every part of how I live. -AMEN*

Song for Personal Worship:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Look Up)” (Nicole Nordeman)

https://youtu.be/bBfHUrLGzNY?si=eoq1mXy_36NbRBnA