

**Title** : Tough Questions for the Modern Time

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## Introduction

Questions are so hard to answer in tragic times. But we ask questions nonetheless. Which book is that has the most number of questions? It is the book of Job.

Job has over 330 questions in its 42 chapters.

So why does the book of Job have so many more questions? There is a very simple reason. It is because the book of Job deals with a horrible tragedy.

### 1. Insight into the spiritual realm

What had happened in this book?

- Key personality
- Key to the protection
- Key person to pray

“So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly” (Job 1:5)

### 2. Incredible tragedy

- Tragedy in business  
In the middle of the business of everyday life two rogue groups conduct a raid taking away Job’s livestock and putting his servants to the sword.
- Tragedy in the home  
Then his family is lost in a freak accident when a mighty wind sweeps in from the desert, strikes the four corners of the house, collapses it, and all are lost.
- Tragedy that come upon you  
The next thing we know is that bad things can happen to good people.

### 3. Triumph of good over evil

- From God’s perspective
  - a. We need to speak well of God
  - b. We need to ‘know God’ more and more every day

What did Job know?

“Then Job answered the Lord and said: 2 “I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You” (Job 42:1, 2)

What ‘Job did not know’?

“You asked, ‘Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know” (Job 42:3)

And,

“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You” (Job 42:5)

- From man’s perspective

- a. Gladness for mourning

“To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified” (Isaiah 61:3)

“You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions” (Psalm 45:7)

- b. Hold fast to God

Expect a miracle even though it seems so unlikely.

## Conclusion

“I know who holds my tomorrow”

“I don’t know about tomorrow”