

## **THE YOUNGER MAN'S PERSPECTIVE** *Chapters 32-37*

### We All Fall Short...

- No one measures up to God's righteousness  
(*Job 35:2; 36:3; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23*)
- God is exceedingly greater than we are; He can do no wrong (*Job 33:12; Psalm 19:9*)

### Beyond Understanding...

- God's ways are far beyond our understanding  
(*Job 33:13; 36:26; Romans 11:33-34*)
- We are to trust that God uses all circumstances (especially the unpleasant, perplexing ones) to change us into the person that He wants us to be  
(*Romans 8:28-29; Habakkuk 2:4; 2 Cor 5:7*)

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”  
(Romans 8:28)*

## Application

When life's circumstances are pleasant, we tend to think more of ourselves than we ought to and are "self-sufficient" in our attitude. Challenging, distressing times tend to bring out the worst part of us – pride, selfishness and an unwillingness to trust that God is really in control (and has our best interests in mind). Our natural, Adamic nature is unwilling to yield and submit to God, and is prone to concluding that He is treating us unfairly, or has lost sight of the difficulties we are experiencing. Not so! God uses trials and afflictions (both physical and mental) to draw out undesirable inner-person characteristics that might otherwise be concealed (at least to us and others). Why? We will investigate this further as we continue our study in the intriguing book of Job.

*“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out!”  
(Romans 11:33)*