

I. Perennial Questions

v 1 - 4

Q: Who has the honour (or the right) to ask questions of God - **Psalm 111:1-2**

A: Any Disciple who serves upon :

1. The ground of confession : *Thou art righteous ... let me talk of thy judgments,* v 1 **Psalm 97:2**2. A spiritual, open, surrendered life : *thou hast tried mine heart,* v 4 **Psalm 17:3**Q # 1 Why do *the wicked prosper* ? v 1Q # 2 Why are *they happy* ? v 1Q # 3 How long shall we *mourn* ? v 4

These questions have been addressed by many saints : Job (21:7), David (Ps 43:3), Asaph (Ps 73:3), Solomon (Ecc 4:1), Ezekiel (18:11-13), Habakkuk (1:2-4) ... and others in the NT.

v 1 *happy ... that deal treacherously* **Malachi 3:15**v 2 *planted them - 2:21 bring forth fruit ~* **Isaiah 5:2, Hosea 10:1**
near in their mouth - **Mark 7:6**v 3 *the slaughter -* James 5:5v 4 *the land ... mourn ...wither ... consume for wickedness* (23:10) **Hosea 4:1-4**Spir: Today's Church suffers the same for it's *wickedness* **2 Corinthians 11:4****II. Painful Answers**

v 5 - 13

v 5 *swelling of Jordan* **Jeremiah 49:19**v 6 *they speak fair words* **Psalm 12:2, Proverbs 26:25 Romans 16:18**v 7 *I have forsaken mine house* **Psalm 81:11-12**v 8 *I hated it* **Psalm 139:22, Malachi 1:3**v 9 *the birds* **Matthew 13:4, 19, 32**v 10 *many pastors ... of ...* Chapter 23 = Matthew 23v 11 *desolate* = **Matthew 23:38**v 12 *spoilers* Hist: **2 Kings 17:20** Sp: **Colossians 2:8**v 13 *your revenues ...* **Proverbs 8:19**

III. Prophetic Assurances

v 14 - 17

- v 14 *touch the inheritance* **Zechariah 2:8**
- v 15 *I will return* **Zephaniah 3:14-16, John 14:3**
- v 16 *learn the ways of my people* **Isaiah 2:2-4, Zechariah 8:20-23**
- v 17 *if they will not obey* **Isaiah 60:12**