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Job 6:10b

“I would harden myself in sorrows.” Job 6:10b

It is no coincidence that one of the most serious and prolific diseases afflicting modern man is the hardening of the arteries. Could this be a prophetic sign of the far greater and more deadly ailment of spiritual hardness of heart?

There may be more reasons for hardness of heart than we know, but two seem to stand out. First, hardness of heart may come because of the sorrows we experience in life. It is a natural human response to guard ourselves from the pain of sorrow and heart break. Thank God, Jesus drank fully of our sorrows. “He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...” (Isaiah 53:3). Even upon the cross, at the height of His suffering for us, when He was offered something to ease the pain, He refused, in order to drink fully of our pain and sufferings! (Matthew 27:34)

“Thank You Lord Jesus!”

If asked what the second reason for hardness of heart, most might offer as the answer, “it is a result of sin.” But this is only an answer that sees the surface of the problem, not the underlying cause. If sin were the reason for hardness of heart none would be saved, for we have all sinned and thus, none of us would have hope of redemption. Hardness of heart is the result of hearing the message of God’s grace and mercy, often over and over, and continuing to then reject it – openly and foolishly!

Don’t be foolish! Don’t refuse God’s goodness!

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