



# When God Doesn't Answer Our Why Questions

## Job 28:1-28

**REVIEW** — Let's remember what we have learned ...

**Meet Mr. Job** — He is not sinless, but he is a genuine believer who is suffering (Chapters 1-2)

**Job's Sorrow in the Midst of Silence** — He begins to be filled with "why" questions (Chapter 3)

**Where Job's Friends Went Wrong** — A cycle of accusatory speeches to answer Job's "why" questions (Chapters 4-37)

**INTRODUCTION** — God's First Response to the "Why" Question (Chapter 28)

An Important Point — The "why" question is not that of the **PHILOSOPHER**, but of the one who is in **PAIN**.

An Important Perspective — Chapter 28 is not from the perspective of Job or his friends, but from the **AUTHOR** of Job.

*Reasons why this chapter is unique ...*

- The **MOOD** changes — The anguish and arguments are missing.
- The **CONTENT** changes — The theme and focus is on where you can find "wisdom" (vs. 12, 20).

## LESSON — When God Doesn't Answer Our Why Questions 28:1-28

### I. MAN'S HUMAN **ABILITIES** CANNOT OBTAIN WISDOM vs. 1-11

The Picture — A poetic picture of **MINING** treasures from the earth.

The Point — Humans can mine riches from the earth, but they cannot on their own mine **MINE** wisdom.

The Purpose — To **HUMBLE** us.

### II. MAN'S HUMAN **ASSETS** CANNOT OBTAIN WISDOM vs. 12-19

The Picture — A poetic picture of the **WEALTH** of earthly treasures.

The Point — Humans may obtain wealth, but they will not be able to **PURCHASE** heavenly wisdom.

The Purpose — To **HUMBLE** us.

### III. GOD'S HEAVENLY **ANSWER** PROVIDES WISDOM vs.20-28

The Picture — A poetic picture of God's wisdom in **CREATION**.

The Point — God alone has wisdom and He offers it as a **FREE** gift.

The Purpose — v. 28

*“The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”*

**The Application** — To bring us to the place where we are willing to turn from the “why” **QUESTIONS** we so diligently want answers to and desire explanation for, to the **GOD** we so desperately need?