Seeing the Big Picture
Some “Big Picture” Passages
10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
2 Peter 3:11

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
Psalm 90:12

12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
Some “Big Picture” Passages

Seeing the big picture is a big part of biblical wisdom.
The First “Wisdom” Book: Job

➢ Satan’s temptations attack Job.
Job and his friends argue about “why.”
The First “Wisdom” Book: Job

➢ The reflective pause in the book: Job 28
12 “But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?
13 “Man does not know its value, Nor is it found in the land of the living
15 “Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it, 
Nor can silver be weighed as its price.
“God understands its way,
And He knows its place.
“For He looks to the ends of the earth
And sees everything under the heavens.
Job 28

28 “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.’”
God’s answer is about His power and our trust.
1 Then Job answered the LORD and said,
2 “I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
Job 42

3 ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”
Therefore I retract, 
And I repent in dust and ashes.”
The Big Picture in Job

Life is often difficult, & unfair.
The Big Picture in Job

Some different reactions to that:

Unbelief

Bitterness
Hebrews 12:15

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;
The Big Picture in Job

Some different reactions to that:

- Unbelief
- Bitterness
- Trust
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Reasons to Trust:
Life Examples
James 5:10-11

10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.
The Big Picture in Job

Reasons to Trust:
Life Examples
God’s Nature & Promises
Romans 8:28

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
The Big Picture in Job

Reasons to Trust:
- Life Examples
- God’s Nature & Promises
- Your Own Experiences?

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Wisdom from Job: Whatever life throws at us, let’s cling to the Lord!
Receiving God’s Salvation

1. **Hear** about Christ (Rom. 10:17)
2. **Believe** in Christ (John 8:24)
3. **Repent** Turn to Christ (Acts 3:19)
4. **Confess** your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10)
5. **Be Baptized** into Christ (Acts 2:38, Rom 6:3-4)
16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.