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What is the significance of Job’s illustration of man’s search for wisdom as a mining expedition?

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Discuss: Part of living under the wisdom of God is realizing that even though we may not understand why we experience so much pain, the Lord in His wisdom is working out His plan for our good and His glory.

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