

“Beside Me, there is ‘no god’”

Hop skip and Jumping through Scripture with Christian Wiman’s

“Zero at the Bone.” Bible Study for Sunday, March 3, 2024.

We’ll read some poetry—Biblical and extra-Biblical—[*‘Do any realize life as they live it?’... ‘No, Saints and Poets maybe...’* Thornton Wilder ‘Our Town’]

‘Job’ of course---ending with Chapter 38: G-d’s last words [that’s Jack Miles]

*“The Poetry is the Point!” “There is no ‘explanation of suffering ... I’m not even sure that suffering is it’s real subject, which I think is mostly focused on how-and indeed whether-a human being can relate to God at all. Job’s deepest question is not ‘Why is this happening to me?’ No, his deepest question, even in the worst of his curses, is ‘Where are you Lord?’*

A tour through St. Paul

Galatians

II Corinthians

Struggling with the Trinity---All that ‘brain work’ to make Theodicy do what Job destroyed.

We’ll talk Roy Harrisville: The Concept of ‘Newness’ [If there’s a ‘new covenant’ -a ‘new testament’- why the old?---a rabbinical struggle as well.]

There’s more: Wait -wait- don’t tell me:

We’ll end with Philippians 2: Emptying