

A blessed man who was miserable

I. Job Assets

Job 1:1-5

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1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

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2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

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3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

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4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

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5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

a. Job passed the Test Of Prosperity

James 5:11

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Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Matthew 6:19-21

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Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves break through and steal:

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But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth
corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

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For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

b. Often prosperity can cause spiritual amnesia

Matthew 5:45

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That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun
to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Luke 12:16-21

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And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought
forth plentifully:

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And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room
where to bestow my fruits?

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And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there
will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

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And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take
thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

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But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then

whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

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So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

II. Job's Ally

Job 1:6,7

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Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

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And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

a. God is his ally

Psalm 23:1-6

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A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD for ever.

b. God loves Job and is not punishing him

Matthew 4:1-11

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Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

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And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

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And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command
that these stones be made bread.

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But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by
every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

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Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the
temple,

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And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He
shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee
up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

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Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him
all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

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And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

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Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

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Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

III. Job's Adversary

Job 1:8-12

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And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

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Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

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Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

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But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

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And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

a. Satan is his adversary

I Peter 5:6-11

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Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you
in due time:

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Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh
about, seeking whom he may devour:

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Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished
in your brethren that are in the world.

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But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,
after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

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To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

b. Satan believes Job serves God because he is so good to him

Luke 23:46,47

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And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I
commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

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Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly
this was a righteous man.

c. Satan does not know everything

IV. Job's Adversities

Job 1:13-19

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And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

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And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

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And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

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While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

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While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

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While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

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And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

- a. No survivors except an un-supporting wife
- b. no insurance

V. Job's Allegiance

Job 1:20-22

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Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

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And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

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In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

a. with God

Philippians 4:13

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I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Hebrews 13:8

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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

b. the only thing in his control is how he controls himself

I Corinthians 9:27

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But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

VI. Job's Acquaintances:

a. really believe he deserves the problems

Job 4:1-11

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Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

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If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3

Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

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Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5

But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

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Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7

Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8

Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9

By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

10

The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

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The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

b. hurt did not help

Job 13:4

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But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

The churchs of Christ welcome you.

The commandments of God, not the doctrines of man