

Job Restored

Chapter Forty-Two

Job 42:1-3

“Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. “Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.’”

Job Was Awed By God

- Job's words to the Lord demonstrated that God's revelations of Himself had produced a sense of awe and wonder in Job's soul.
- Job was more aware than ever before in his life that God is All-powerful and full of Wisdom.
- Job had become persuaded about two things in his mind about God:
 - 1. God can do all things!**
 - 2. No purpose of God can be thwarted!**

- Job **knew** that **God can do all things** including bringing comfort and assurance in the midst of his suffering.
- Job **knew** that God in His wisdom could accomplish every **purpose** for his life even if he could not understand the origin or the meaning of his affliction.
- God created all things, sustains and cares for every creature, every creature including man was created with a grand purpose planned out in the Mind of the One Who works out everything according to His will.
- Job had come to the place in his life where the only thing he could do was to be in awe of God and submit to His will.

- God had asked Job at the very beginning of His questions, “**Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?**” -**Job 38:2**
- Job by quoting back to God His original question(42:3) confessed of having the prideful sin of thinking to know more than God about his life, about his suffering, and about his speaking without knowledge concerning God’s role in his suffering.
- “He has not only realized his folly in passing judgment on things that were beyond his understanding. He has found the answer to his problem. For at bottom this was not a problem of theodicy, but a problem of fellowship. He has not learned the cause of his sufferings or the explanation of the apparent injustices in the world, but he has found God again.” -Rowley, H.H.

Job Confessed

- Job confessed that he had spoken about things that he did not **understand** which were things to **wonderful** for him to even **know**.
- The word for “wonderful” has the idea of being limited in power to understand such things.
- Job, being in the presence of God, confessed that he had spoken without proper knowledge uttering words about things beyond human understanding.
- “At times he doubted the goodness of God and His righteous judgment in the world; at times he doubted if there was any good in this life or in the life beyond. Now Job has come full circle, back to a state of humble contentment with **not knowing the answers** to the questions occasioned by his crisis and his companions.”-Guzik, David

A Prayer For Times Of Crisis

- Psalm 131 is a great Psalm to pray in a time of suffering and reflects the heart of Job during his confession.
- “LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever.”-**Psalm 131**
- “Before he was weaned, David wanted God only for what he could get from God. After he was weaned, having learned that God loved him and would care for him even if it was not exactly the way he anticipated or most wanted, he came to love God for God himself.”-Boice, James Montgomery

Job 42:4-6

“Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job Repented

- Job stated that he had **heard** of God by the **hearing of the ear**.
- Job had heard the commandments of God and in faith had obeyed them because that what he was told to do.
- Religious behaviors could not bring meaning to the suffering Job had endured only a direct encounter with God enabled Job to understand God in a deeper more intimate way.
- When Job said the phrase **my eye sees you** he proclaimed that through his direct encounter with God he had perceived through revelation a more intimate knowledge of God.

- Job could now see clearly that God was not absent but with him in the middle of his crisis all along the way. This revelation humbled Job.
- Job did not repent of any sin that his friends had said brought the suffering upon him because there was not a sin that brought Job's crisis.
- Job repented of his pride and self-righteousness that he displayed during his trial.
- Job repented of not knowing and not trusting that God was by his side all along.
- "From now on he will locate his self-worth in his relationship with Yahweh, not in his own moral behavior or innocence."- Hartley, John

Job Despised Himself

- “One of the consequences of sin is that it makes the sinner pity himself instead of causing him to turn to God. One of the first signs of new life is that the individual takes sides with God against himself.” -Barnhouse, Donald Grey
- Job said, **I despise myself**....
- “The Hebrew word literally means, from the standpoint of etymology, to disappear; from the standpoint of usage, to retract, to repudiate. As a matter of fact, Job at this point went beyond what he had previously said when he declared, ‘I am of small account,’ and declared that he practically cancelled himself entirely. I disappear, I retract all that has been said; I repudiate the position I have taken up.” -Morgan, G. Campbell

- “He does not repent of sins that have allegedly brought on the suffering; he repents of his arrogance in impugning God's justice, he repents of the attitude whereby he simply demands an answer; as if such were owed him. He repents of not having known God better ...”-Carson, D.A.
- Job did not need to list everything that he done and said because what he had done and said were caused by his sinful nature, which he despised and repented of before God.
- “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me...Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”-**Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:20**

Job 42:7-9

“After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.’ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the LORD had told them, and the LORD accepted Job’s prayer.”

Servant

- The Lord accepted Job's confession and repentance and called him "my servant" three times in these verses.
- Job having been forgiven by the Lord showed the depth of his transformation by his willingness to pray for his friends forgiveness.
- "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." -Colossians 3:12-13
- Faith without works is dead. An active living faith cooperates with God and through His Spirit transforms our lives to do His work.

Job's Three Friends

- God rebuked Job's three friends highlighting Eliphaz as their leader (probably the oldest of the three).
- God was angry at these friends of Job for they **have not spoken of me what is right**.
- They presented God as an angry and judgmental God Who was ready to pounce on Job with punishment.
- The friends came to Job and attempted to **restore** him with their theology, philosophy, and traditions but they failed and made God angry. Job was now asked to **restore** his friends through **prayer** and his friends will leave **restored** in their relationship with the Lord.

Job 42:10-11

“And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.”

Job Restored

- Job had never asked for his **fortunes** to be restored. Job's agony was more founded upon the spiritual aspect of his suffering.
- It was only after Job had **prayed for his friends** forgiveness that his fortunes were restored to him.
- Job's prayer of forgiveness restored and freed Job's soul from the bitterness he had built up towards his friends over their constant barrage of insults and condemnation towards him.
- The Lord in His compassion and mercy **gave Job twice as much as he had before** the crisis occurred.
- The double blessing by God is not an endorsement for a prosperity message. As stated Job could have cared less about his material belongings. The Lord always restores but the application is specific to the individuals need to accomplish the Lord's work not make our lives comfortable.

Job Comforted

- Job was once an outcast living in a garbage dump that when people walked past laughed at him.
- “Even young children despise me; when I rise they talk against me. All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me.”-**Job 19:18-19**
- After God restored Job his **brothers and sisters** and **all who had known him before** came and ate bread with him.
- Even after Job was restored and his wealth doubled he still must still have felt some hurt from his affliction because the people who came to visit Job **showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him.**
- Job was probably still shaken from the overall experience.

Job 42:12-17

“And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch. And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons’ sons, four generations. 17And Job died, an old man, and full of days.”

Job Blessed

- Job was **blessed in his latter days** of life **more** than he had at the **beginning**.
- In the beginning of the Book of Job he was a blessed and a godly man. At the end of the Book of Job he was a more blessed and a spiritually deeper, more godly man.
- “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”-**James 5:11**
- Satan served his purpose for God in making Job a spiritually deeper man of God.
- “Our sorrows shall have an end when God has gotten his end in them.”-Spurgeon, Charles

Job's Daughters

- It is rare in the Bible that females are treated with same respect as males but Job's daughters are the exception.
- The first daughter was named **Jemimah**: "Day by day".
- The second daughter was named **Keziah**: "Cassia" a cinnamon smelling bark.
- The third daughter was named **Keren-happuch**: "A jar of eye paint" meaning she was very beautiful.
- Job's daughters were the most **beautiful** in all the land and received an **inheritance** from Job which was extremely rare for women in the ancient Middle Eastern cultures.

Job Died

- Job died an **old man** and **full of days**.
- **Full of days** carries the idea of being satisfied with one's life and ready to die.
- “We are not all like Job, but we all have Job's God. Though we have neither risen to Job's wealth, nor will, probably, ever sink to Job's poverty, yet there is the same God above us if we be high, and the same God with his everlasting arms beneath us if we be brought low; and what the Lord did for Job he will do for us, not precisely in the same form, but in the same spirit, and with like design.”-Spurgeon, Charles