

THREE DAYS IN THE LIFE OF JOB #2

HOW MUCH WORSE CAN IT GET?

JBO 2:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

JBO 2:3 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? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

JBO 2:4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

JBO 2:5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

JBO 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he [is] in thine hand; but save his life.

When you think it can't get any worse, here comes more of the unexpected. Job has lost his wealth, and his family. God had been so good to him that he could not curse God but chose to bless the Lord for what he had enjoyed by his hands.

JBO 1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

God is not finished with Job yet. Satan has been defeated with the lie that Job served God only what he could get out of him.

God rubs it in to Satan JBO 2:3 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? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

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1. HE IS SMITTEN WITH BOILS.

JBO 2:7 ¶ So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Boils in the Hebrew is “Shechiyn”- “to burn; inflammation, ill. (ulcer; boil, botch).

He has now lost his health.
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2. HIS WIFE TELLS HIM TO GO AHEAD AND DIE!

JBO 2:9 ¶ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Integrity in Hebrew is “tummah” from the root word “tom, tome” meaning “completeness, perfection, uprightness”.

The wife who should be nurturing and encouraging is exasperated to such a degree that she is angry with God and Job!

“Do you still claim you are holy and innocent?”

“Why believe in something that isn’t going happen? Just let God have it! As you die go out cursing God!”

3. HE HAD 3 FRIENDS WHO COME TO COMFORT (HA) HIM.

a. They are freaked out by what they see so badly that they just sit down and stare at him for 7 days. 2 12,13

b. His friend Eliphaz

1. “You are GUILTY”!

JBO 4:7 Remember, I pray thee, who [ever] perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

JBO 4:8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

2. “You have a SECRET SIN!”

JBO 15:11 is there any secret thing with thee?

3. “Your are a HYPOCRITE AND A BRIBER!”

JBO 15:34 For the congregation of hypocrites [shall be] desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

c. His friend Bildad

JBO 8:4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;

JBO 8:5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

JBO 8:6 If thou [wert] pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

JBO 8:7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

1. “Your children died because of their sin.” V 4

How much more cruel can one be than to accuse one of being responsible for their children dying?

2. “Job you have sinned and if you would seek God he would prosper you.”. vs 5,6

3. You are dying because of your sin! 18:5

JBO 18:5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

JBO 18:6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

d. His friend Zophar

1. He calls Job a LIAR.

JBO 11:3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace?

2. He accuses Job of OPPRESSING THE POOR..

JBO 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked [is] short, and the joy of the hypocrite [but] for a moment?

JBO 20:19 Because he hath oppressed [and] hath forsaken the poor; [because] he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

3. His WEALTH HAS DIMINISHED BECAUSE OF HIS SIN.

JBO 20:28 The increase of his house shall depart, [and his goods] shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

JBO 20:29 This [is] the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

JBO 2:10..... In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job when everyone is accusing you what are your thoughts?

JBO 19:23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

JBO 19:24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

JBO 19:25 For I know [that] my redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth:

JBO 19:26 And [though] after my skin [worms] destroy this [body], yet in my flesh shall I see God:.

He does not know what God is doing in his present misery.

We leave him in this condition asking the question, “How could it get any worse than this?”

Change is coming. God is at work even when Job cannot see what is taking place. God is about to make an appearance. He is here for you.

Ill. When my father had a mental breakdown he wanted me to read to him from the book of Job. I thought it would make him worse. We read it to him not knowing the link he had with Job. His brain may have been troubled but his spiritual mind was stable. What was the link?

“I know that my redeemer liveth!”

He came back because of his faith in God.

Ill. My aunt Cliffie would suffer into the night with crippling arthritis. I would hear her pray through the wall. Telling God of the pain. I ask her once if I could pray for her. After praying I was disappointed that she was not healed. She could see the frustration in my face. She said “Glenn I don’t know why God doesn’t heal me but I can tell you that one night I suffered so greatly and was in prayer when Jesus walked into my room and we conversed. I would go through it again just to be with Jesus!”

I know that my Redeemer liveth!