

Jbo 42 3 “THE MESSAGE”- ‘You asked, “Who is muddying the water, ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?” I admit it, I was the one! I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head. You told me, “listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. You give the answers”. I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand-from y own eyes and ears! I’m sorry –forgive me. I will never do that again, I promise! I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor”.

2. v 3 He confesses he has spoken about things that he did not understand.
3. V-5 “I have heard of you but now I see you”
4. V-6 he repents. “I repent in dust and ashes”

III. GOD’S REPROOF TO JOB’S ACCUSERS-

JBO 42:7 ¶ And it was [so], that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me [the thing that is] right, as my servant Job [hath].

JBO 42:8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you [after your] folly, in that ye have not spoken of me [the thing which is] right, like my servant Job.

JBO 42:9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite [and] Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

The reprovers are reprovéd!

The doctors are treated a dose of their own medicine!

1. “I am angry with you because you have not represented me truthfully.
2. “Go to Job and offer 7 bulls and 7 rams as a burnt offering”
This was a show of repentance.
3. How humbling to have to go to a man that you have been falsely
Accusing and have him pray over you!
4. They did as God ask.

IV. THE KEY THAT RELEASES THE PRISONER.- FORGIVENESS

JBO 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Job's three friends could not pray for themselves, because the Lord said He would not accept them if they did! V 8 "Job shall pray for you: him will I accept."

1. Intercession

"when he prayed"- the word for prayed is "intercede".

2. If Job did not intercede for them God's justice would deal them with.

JBO 42:8 ... Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you [after your] folly, in that ye have not spoken of me [the thing which is] right, like my servant Job.

3. Job is asking to forgive his accusers. He does. He prays for them. He is an example of how we are to respond to those who accuse us and attack us.

MAT 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despiteful use you, and persecute you;

V. THE REWARD OF INNOCENSE.

JBO 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

1. The Lord turned the captivity of Job.

He took back what the devil had stolen, and more.

He would be free from demonic attack and oppression.

2. God has saved the last best for last!

JBO 42:12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:

3. His wealth was returned- "twice as much".

4. His family was restored -JBO 42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

5. His health was restored-- JBO 42:16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, [even] four generations.