

## A Confusing Closing

Job 42.10-17

### 1. God's response to Job

- a. difficult to understand in light of what has happened in the book
- b. more complex explanation found in the manner and setting
- c. not so much what has been stated but how it has been done
- d. does not seem that God acknowledges the plight and suffering of Job but .....

### 2. Hidden blessing

#### a. recognition of Job

1. **Job 1.1** - eschewed evil
2. **Job 1.3** - greatest of the men of the east
3. **2 Tim 2.19** - God knows those that are his

#### b. appearance

1. **Heb 1.1** - spoke to heads of households & by the prophets
2. **Heb 1.1** (divers manners) - spoke indirectly through dreams and visions
3. **Gen 3.8** - the voice of God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening
4. **Gen 18.2,17** - spoke to Abraham about child and Sodom / Gommorrah
5. **Ex 33.11** - spoke with Moses face to face as a friend
6. **For God to appear and speak for the benefit of a mortal is a rare event**
7. **There are few parallels to this in the scriptures**

#### c. revelation

1. Emotions love and depth of caring that God has is revealed
2. **Luke 6.35** - God blesses the unthankful and the evil
3. **Jas 1.17** - every good gift and every perfect gift from the father of lights
4. **John 3.16** - the reason why Christ was sent into the world

#### d. acceptance

1. God addresses Job directly - not the friends who have gathered
2. Insult - to be ignored in the presence of one who is important
3. **1 Pet 3.12** - face of God against them that do evil - watches over the righteous
4. **Psm 116.15** - death of one of God's saints is precious in his sight
5. **Psm 37.25** - have been young and now old never seen the righteous forsaken ...

### 3. Last words

- a. **Job 42.2-6** - I uttered that I understood not
- b. **Job 42.7** - ye have not spoken of me that thing that is right
- c. **Job 42.8** - now therefore
- d. **Job 42.10** - the Lord turned the captivity of Job

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### 2. Hidden blessing

#### a. recognition of Job

**Job 1.1** - 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.

**Job 1.3** - 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.

**2 Tim 2.19** - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

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**Gen 3.8** - And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

**Gen 18.2,17** - And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, ... And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do

**Ex 33.11** - And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.

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1. Emotions love and depth of caring that God has is revealed
2. **Luke 6.35** - But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.
3. **Jas 1.17** - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
4. **John 3.16** - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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**1 Pet 3.12** - For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

**Psm 116.15** - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints

**Psm 37.25** - I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

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**Job 42.2-6** - I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3: Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4: Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5: I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

**Job 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.

**Job 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

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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.

**Job 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

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