

Wisdom Literature – Lesson 14

The Wisdom of God in Job

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Last week we ended with the Lord giving the accuser permission to take away all of Job's possessions>>

We must continue to remember these three facts>>

<<God is sovereign over all the events of His heavenly council and of Job's life>>

<<God will use all the events of Job's life to ...work together for the good...>>Rom. 8:28

<<...the good... that will be revealed on THAT DAY is Phil. 2:9-11>>

In v. 13-19 the challenger puts Job to the test by destroying his servants, his wealth and his children>>

After reading this, do we still believe in Rom.8:28>>

v.20 Job's response>>

Job's first response is deep grief and anguish>>

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head...>>

And then ...he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."
22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

In the midst of his grief, Job DECIDES by faith to worship God>>

Job understood two fundamental truths about God>>

1. God has the intrinsic right to give him his possessions>>

...The Lord gave...>>

2. God has the intrinsic right to remove his possessions>>

...the Lord has taken away...>>

3. God is worthy of his praise>>

...Blessed be the name of the Lord....>>

From this we understand that Job is not guilty to ...circumstantial... Righteousness>>

Job's blessings are the fruit of Job's obedience, not the root>

<<the accuser was wrong>>

ch.2:1-3>>the heavenly re-convenes and the Lord again questions the accuser>>

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and [the] satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. 2 The Lord said to [the] satan, "Where have you come from?" Then [the] satan answered the Lord and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." 3 The Lord said to [the] satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited [urged] Me against him to ruin him without [any reason].

v.4-5 But this time in ...the accuser... says>>

Job serves you because You have not touched his body>>

If you touch his body ...he will curse You to Your face...>>

v.6 The Lord replies, ...Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life....>>

v.7-8 ...the accuser... inflicts Job with boils>>

v.9 Now Job's wife enters the scene>>

We must remember that Job was not alone in his great grief>>

<<she has also lost her children>>

However, her response to her loss is quite different than Job's>>

...Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die...>>

Now the additional challenge for Job is the care of his wife in her suffering>>

As the husband, Job is responsible to>>

<<...love his wife as Christ loved the church [Eph.5:25]...>>

<<to relate to her ...in an understanding way [1 Peter 3:7]...>>

v.10a Job corrects his wife's response>>

...But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks...>>

Job wisely recognizes that she is responding out of her grief>>

Job knows that he must care for her suffering soul by reminding her of the Truth about God>>

v.10b Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips...>>

They must not be ...fair weather... worshipers>>

Essentially. Job is reminding her of what we read in 1 Thess 5:18>>

<<...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus...>>

Why>>1 Thess 5:18

Ps 96:4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise...>>

This is the test of the genuineness of our faith/trust>>

The result is that ...in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ...>>1 Peter 4:11

v.11-13 The scene turns to Job's three friends>>

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz... Bildad... and Zophar... and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him. 12 When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky. 13 Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great.

These men came to ...sympathize...and comfort... Job>>

They came to share in Job's suffering, to enter into Job's grief>>

<<to mourn with Job>>

Their presence would have comforted Job's heart with unspoken words of love and understanding>>

<<it would have ameliorate Job's loneliness of suffering>>

They sat silently with Job for seven days>>

Seven days of silence was part of the customary mourning process of those days>>