

JOB 1:20-22 – Stunning Faith! Job Loses His Property and Children; Job Prays!

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I SURRENDER ALL – Judson Van de Venter – Marantha Hymn #70

1 - All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2 - All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now. Refrain

3 - All to Jesus I surrender Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. Refrain

4 - All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me. Refrain

5 - All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame. Oh, the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name! Refrain

Job Chapter 1 – Satan Attacks Job’s Character; Job Loses His Property and Children.

Job was a rich man. He was rich in character, for he was “**blameless and upright.**” He was not sinless, but he was sincere and obedient before the Lord. He feared God, not with a terror but with a humble trust, and he separated himself from evil. He was also rich in his family, having seven sons and three daughters. Large families (especially many sons) were greatly desired in the East. Note in Job 1:5 that Job had a spiritual concern for his sons and daughters and prayed for them at the altar. How fortunate these children were to have a godly father. As for Job’s wife, she did not seem to have the faith and wisdom that Job possessed (see Job 2:9-10), although we can understand that she would rather see her husband dead than having to endure such pain. In the end, however, God proved that she was wrong. See also Job 19:17. Job was rich in possessions, “a very great household.” His livestock numbered in the thousands. Certainly **God had blessed Job, and Job was not hesitant to praise God for all He had done.** Most of us have no problem turning to God when we are “abased” and things are going wrong, but how difficult it is to serve God and remember Him when things are prosperous. Job did not permit his money and possessions to take the place of God.

Job Loses His Property and Children – Job Prays!

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

- Note Job’s reaction! He did not complain! He did not blame God! He did not get all angry and upset and say, “Why should this happen to me? What have I done that all these things should suddenly come upon me?”
- C. S. Lewis once remarked when asked the question, “Why should the righteous suffer?” “Why not?” he replied; “they’re the only ones that can handle it.”

Job 1:21 And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.”

- Job’s response is really fantastic!: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” What an exemplary and special response! That is, “Thank God for the times when I did have these things, and the enjoyment they gave me; the times with my children, and the blessings they brought into my life. Rather than complain about the loss, I recognize God’s sovereign right to do with me as He will. If He gives me things, He has the right to take them away. All I can do is say ‘Thank you’ for having had them as long as I did.”

Job 1:22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

- Job has won the first round. Satan’s argument has been answered. Take away the possessions of a man like Job, and he still will not curse God to His face. He still loves God and follows Him and serves Him and recognizes God’s right. It is a severe test. How many of us would have passed it?
- But the test is not over -- there is much worse yet to come. Before this book is through, we will see levels of pride in Job of which he was totally unaware. We will begin to see what God is after in Job’s life, and in ours, by this kind of testing.
- Now you may be saying, “I wonder what’s going on behind the scenes about me? I wonder what Satan is saying about me now, and if he’s asking permission to get me!” If that is what you are thinking, all I can say is, “Do not worry, live one day at a time.” For the thing this book tells us is that, if Satan had his way, every one of us would always be in this kind of difficulty. Satan would wreck us, and hurt us, and tear us apart all the time if he could -- not because he is angry at us, but because he wants to get at God, whom we serve.

- But God's protecting hand has been over us. If we can sit here in any degree of peace and enjoyment, it is because the hand of God has been like a hedge about us, protecting us and giving us great and wonderful things.
- Therefore, the attitude of every human heart ought to be, "Thank God for what I've got! Thank God for where I am now. What the future may hold, only He knows." And if it holds some kind of testing like this, it is only because, as Paul has reminded us in *1Co 10:13* ***No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*** He knows what you can bear, and He will not put you to the test so severe it must destroy your faith.
- But there are implications in every test that go far beyond the superficial aspects of the situation. That is what we need to remember. And as this remarkable book unfolds, we will see some of the things that God brought to the attention of Job

SUMMARY:

- **How loudly would we have complained? Blamed God? Gotten all angry and upset?**
- **Would our response be to worship God? What an example for us!**
- **Note Job's awesome response: "*Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.*" How committed are we to this verse, especially under difficult circumstances?**
- **Job has won the first round. What an amazing proof of God's faithfulness and protection as we read in *1Co 10:13* ***No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*****
- **God has given us far greater reasons to maintain our faith in Him in times of great trial, than we would ever possess by having Him explain every action of His in our lives.**
- **Our greatest need in times of great trials is not for an explanation from God, though that's what we think we need most, in times of difficulty for God to explain Himself.**
- **But the fact of the matter is, our greatest need is for a greater vision of God. Not an explanation, but a greater vision of the greatness of God.**

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty – Robert Fitts; Maranatha Singers

Father in heaven, how we love you. We lift your Name in all the earth. May your kingdom, be established in our praises, As your people declare your mighty works. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty Who was and is, and is, to come. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty. Who reigns forever more.

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