



God Always Writes The Last Chapter!

Job 42:7-9

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- All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.
- God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
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A. The Rebuke of the Three Friends (42:7-9)

1. A Flawed Theology

Job 42:7, NLT -⁷ After the LORD had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.

Their Flawed Theology Said,

**"If you do good things, God will bless you;
If you do bad things, God will punish you."**

2. A Sacrifice Required for Their Flawed Theology

Job 42:8, NLT -⁸ So take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has."

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3. A Prayer Needed for Flawed Theology

Job 42:8, NLT -⁸ ... My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has." ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite did as the LORD commanded them, and the LORD accepted Job's prayer.

Job prayed for restoration—not condemnation.

B. A Flawed Theology Corrected

The difficulties we experience as followers of Christ will come from one of seven sources:

1. The natural consequences of foolish actions and/or decisions.
2. The attacks of Satan on your life.
3. The consequences of sin in your life.
4. The testing of God designed to cause spiritual growth.
5. The consequences of other people's sin our life.
6. Just life in general . . . **"We live in a fallen world."**
7. It may not be about you; it may be all for God's glory (like Job's life).

"Without anger toward him, God allowed Job to suffer in order to humiliate the Accuser and provided support to countless sufferers who would follow in Job's footsteps." – Dr. Elmer Smick

C. God Will Write the Last Chapter

God reminds Job's friends four times that Job is 'my servant' (42:7–8).

Seven things are highlighted by this reference:

1. **Job's saving relationship with God.** "My Redeemer lives!" (Job 19:25)
2. **Job's wisdom.** "Spoken of me what is right..." (Job 42:7)
3. **Our need for a Sacrifice.** "Burnt offering..." (Job 42:8)
4. **The defeat of Satan.** "Have you considered my servant Job?" (Job 2:3)
5. **The coming kingdom of God.** "Well done my good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)
6. **The prayers of an intercessor.** "The holy spirit... intercedes..." (Rom. 8)
7. **God is about to make all things right.** "The Lord... restored (Job)..." (Job 42:10)