

THE FAITH-REST LIFE IN JOB Pt. 4

C. The EXHORTATION for You to ENTER & ENJOY the FAITH-REST LIFE TODAY. (4)

- The book of Job teaches us the value of learning to faith-rest in the plan, purposes, and promises of God during undeserved suffering.
- 1) **The faith-rest life is needed due to SPIRITUAL WARFARE against the Devil and his demons & strategies requiring the shield of FAITH and sword of the Holy Spirit which is the Word or SPECIFIC SAYINGS of God. (Eph. 6:16-17; Matt. 4:4,7,10; Job 1 &2)**
- 2) **The faith-rest life does NOT mean a LACK of TRIALS in your life, even severe UNDESERVED afflictions, though these tests are NOT WITHOUT PURPOSE. (Job 1 & 2)**
- 3) **The faith-rest life enables you to WORSHIP GOD for His ATTRIBUTES even when you do not know specifically the REASONS for your trials as God's ways are NOT our ways. (Job 1:21-22; Isaiah 55:8-11)**
- 4) **The faith-rest life can guard your heart from HVP & BITTERNESS toward God and others when faced with grievous trials. (2:10)**
- 5) **The faith-rest life is needed when OTHERS let you down or misunderstand your trials because God NEVER will fail you and He remains FAITHFUL to His PERSON & PROMISES. (2:11-13)**
- 6) **The faith-rest life is ALWAYS AVAILABLE but NEVER consistently APPLIED in a believer's walk, though there can be a PATTERN of victory and rest of soul. (Job 3:1, 11; 6:1-4; 10:1; 12:1; 13:15)**
- 7) **The faith-rest life and trials are designed to bring us to a greater MENTAL OCCUPATION with JESUS CHRIST and a clearer ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE. (Job 14:14; 19:25-27)**
- 8) **The faith-rest life allows you to realize by faith that God has a REFINING PURPOSE in your trials for GOOD. (Job 23:3-10; Romans 8:28)**
- 9) **The faith-rest life is sustained by regularly feeding your soul the WORD OF GOD. (23:12)**
- 10) **The faith-rest life involves at times divine CORRECTION and CHASTENING which can be rejected in your ARROGANCE or responded to by HUMBLE ADMISSION to God. (Job 31:38:1-3; 40:1-5, 42:1-6)**
 - God allows time to pass before He answers Job directly and not his friends.
 - God speaks directly to Job and He disregarded all that was previously spoken except acknowledging Job's desire to foolishly confront & contend with God.
 - God asks Job 77 rhetorical questions that Job could not answer.

- God humbles Job and his pride, and Job eventually confesses to God, “Behold, I am **VILE**,” and he admits how little he knew of God & His ways. (40:1-5; Rom. 11:33-36)
- God further humbles Job and His pride as He had too low a perspective of God and too high a perspective of himself. (42:1-6)
- Job admitted his folly without argument, hesitation, self-defense, blaming no one except himself. “Therefore, I _____ in sackcloth & ashes.” (42:6) Observations to note:

11) The faith-rest life allows you (like Job) to not merely respond _____ but also with grace and forgiveness toward your _____ if they have misjudged & acted inappropriately toward you. (42:7-9)

12) The faith-rest life allows Job to be _____ with God and be _____ by God. (42:10-17)

- Some lingering questions:
- How does this apply to you?