

WALKING IN THE FEAR & WORSHIP OF THE LORD.... ARE YOU BEING CONSIDERED?

Sunday WFR WC 8-2-25

INTRODUCTION

- A. Opening & Welcome
- B. Tonight-NMBC @ 6PM Dry Bones Men's Conference
(Go to drybonesmen.org for tickets)
- C. Walking in the Fear & Worship of the Lord
 - 1. Faith (Active, Living Belief)
 - 2. Expectation (Eager, Busy Hope)
 - 3. Awe (Revelation of Creation, Scripture & Relationship)
 - 4. Reverence (Quiet/Loud-Context; Always Submissive, Humble & Repentant)
- D. The Book of Job
 - 1. Ancient, at least lived during the era of Abraham or prior (1800-2000 BC)
 - 2. Unknown author, but considered poetry, an orally passed down story (Moses? Uz was near Midian)
 - 3. Two of God's the Father's Hebrew names used in Job

- a. Elohim (God the Creator-Gen. 1 Exclusively; The God who brings **Light** and makes **Life**)
- b. YHWH (Lord of Mankind, He Hears cries, He Sees Suffering, He brings justice-Gen. 2 Lord God; The God who is **Love**)
- c. Later: Grk. Word-LOGOS (God in Flesh-**Life, Love & Light** seen in Jesus-the Son of God)

I. Job's Character/Integrity (3x in Job 1 & 2

A. First mentioned by the author

Job 1:1 *Job was blameless and upright; he feared God & shunned evil.*

- 1. Words to define blameless and upright: complete, mature, pious, straight, right & gentle
- 2. He loved his children enough to offer his own faith through sacrifice for their well being

B. Second mentioned by YHWH to Satan about Job

Job 1:6-8 *One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan (accuser) also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." (**1 Pet. 5:8** Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.)*

*Then the LORD (YHWH) said to Satan, “**Have you considered** my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God (Elohim) and shuns evil.”*

1. This phrase means *"to put a burden on"*-Common
 2. Two places it was used helped me here
 - a. Gen. 21 Abraham sending Hagar & Ismael away, *"put a burden of water and food on Hagar's shoulders"* (God hears cries/saves)
 - b. Gen. 22 Abraham taking Isaac to sacrifice him per God's command, vs 6 *"put a burden of wood on Isaac for him to carry"* & in vs 9 *"put Isaac on the alter and bound him"*
 3. Satan is fully aware of who Job is and hasn't had much success (fears God & shuns evil), but now he is asking to *"put the burden on him"*-Consider
- C. The third mention comes later in Job 2

II. Job's Three Burdens That Were Considered On Him

- A. The first burden comes in **Job 1:13-19**
1. In one terrible day, he loses his wealth, his workers & his ten children
 2. Satan took from him all that he HAD & all that he LOVED (All we work for & who we work for)
 3. Satan's attack doesn't work, Job maintains his fear of the Lord (More later on how he responded)

Third mention of Job's integrity from God to Satan in Job 2

Job 2:3 *Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity.....*

4. Satan is still roaming and now he asks for more

B. In another terrible day, he is afflicted with a painful, debilitating illness-sores from head to feet & his wife loses trust & confidence in him

Job 2:9 *Wife: Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!*

1. Satan took his DIGNITY (Strength /Leadership)

2. The last burden is a little more subtle, but also painful, especially for where Job is

C. Job's three friends show up to sympathize & comfort (7 days of silence & Job unloaded his burden)

1. Instead they sermonized, demonized & piled on to Job's calamity (God appeasement & retribution)

Eliphaz-*Who being innocent has ever perished?* **Bildad**-*When your children sinned against God, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.* **Zophar**-*When no one rebuke you when you mock (God)? [Only bad people have bad things happen, you deserve it!]*

2. Satan took his SUPPORT SYSTEM & used it to SHAME him b/c of bad theology

3. 30 + chapters of back and forth & Job makes one final defense of his character/integrity in Job 31

III. Job's Three Responses to Being Considered Worthy of Burden (Three Acts of Worship!)

- A. To the loss of all he Had & all he Loved (Song?)

Job 1:20-22 *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. (Mourning) Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: (or sang?)*

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”

In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

- B. To the loss of his Dignity-His health & wife (Question)

Job 2:10 *Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble? In all this Job did not sin in what he said.*

- C. To the loss of his Support System & his general questioning of God's love for him (Resubmission)

Job 42:1-6 *Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and **repent in dust and ashes.***

CONCLUSION Praise Band/Worship Team Back Up

- A. Being considered and responding to God don't always have to be related to sin, but sometimes they are related to the building of your character and your integrity.
- B. Is my fear of the Lord greater than my fear of everything else?

Job 3:25-26 *For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes."*

Fear of Elohim & YHWH was enough to get Job through....

- C. A name unknown to the ancients, but now known to us is Logos.....

John 1:1, 14 *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

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