

Thank You Jesus

Job 9:33

We know the story of Job well. We know that Job was a man of great integrity. Job's character and his integrity **qualified** him for trial- Have you "**considered**" my servant Job? You've been walking the earth but you have not found one that truly loves me like this one! It **doesn't matter** what happens to him, He will trust me and honor my name!

1. THE PERVERSION OF JUSTICE

Satan is a "pervert". One who takes something pure and tries to defile it. **God's justice is pure!** **It is reserved for those that deserve it and it is not poured out on innocent men!**

Satan wanted to pervert the justice of God by inciting God to punish an innocent man (not discipline).

Satan's **motive in every case is to cause us to act out of character.** **SATAN SOUGHT TO CAUSE A JUST GOD TO BE UNJUST (OUT OF CHARACTER)-** the same way he seeks to get those of us that are righteous through Christ- to live contrary to that righteousness

Anyone in here know that God is not the author of confusion- GOD WOULD NOT TOUCH JOB BECAUSE HE HAD NO CAUSE- **BUT He allowed/permitted Satan to do so!** Someone might ask, well doesn't this make **God just as guilty?** (NO!)

GOD **ALLOWS** EVIL BECAUSE HE HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME EVIL. HE WILL ULTIMATELY REDEEM MAN FROM SUFFERING.

In every trial there are **teachable** moments! We become refined and develop a deeper understanding of who God is.

God **KNEW** the perversity of Satan and imposed a boundary on him (Touch but DO NOT KILL)

If **Satan** had his way he would **kill each** and **every one** of us!

He couldn't kill Job so **sent back to back calamities** to try to shake Job! In a bit of **irony**, the writer paints a picture of **God taunting Satan** by saying, see, you "incited me against him without cause, and **he STILL has his integrity!**"

I'm not foolish enough to taunt the devil; I will leave that to God!
BUT I KNOW THAT **IF** GOD IS **USING MY LIFE** TO MAKE A
POINT, GOD IS **ALSO PROTECTING** MY LIFE!

Job represented **one who would not rebel against God because of his afflictions.** Job understood that rebellion would be **doubly painful (God's wrath & Satan's attacks)**

2. WHY DO THE GOOD SUFFER?

Why do good people suffer? There is a theological stream of thought that says that **every evil thing in the world can be traced back to SIN!**

Man has to witness the full measure of sin in order to appreciate the full redemption of God through Christ!

Sin and all of the issues that come along with it is **the reality that we live in** but thank God that it is not the end of the story!

Man was complicit in allowing sin into the world (Garden) but was unaware that along with the pleasure of sin came immense pain! This **complicity authorized Satan** to bring forth the full

outworking of sin into the world! Satan **corrupted the fellowship between man and God** and he upset the perfection that Eden represented! The only way out of the corruption is Christ.

Job's suffering was not because of God's wrath nor because of his own sin-God said that Job was "blameless and that he shunned evil".

What **we actually see** within Job's suffering is **God's grace and mercy**. God allowed Job to be tested but he did not allow Satan to kill Job.

God's **mercy and grace** towards the righteous is **this**: **WHEN THE DEVIL DESIRES TO SIFT US AS WHEAT, JESUS HAS ALREADY PRAYED FOR US!**

So yes, those that trust God with their life will **endure trials** and tribulations but the bible says that *tribulation → patience → proven character → Hope (hope doesn't disappoint)!*

We **don't get disappointed** with God because the love of God is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Ghost- so in **EVEN in my struggles, I'M ALRIGHT!**

I MAY NOT **LOOK** ALRIGHT, BUT I'M ALRIGHT!

I MAY NOT **FEEL** ALRIGHT, BUT I'M ALRIGHT!

AS LONG AS I KNOW THAT **GOD STILL LOVES ME**, I'M
ALRIGHT!

THANK YOU JESUS FOR STEPPING IN AND KNOCKING SIN
OFF THE THRONE!

THANK YOU GOD FOR YOUR GRACE BEING THE FINAL WORD
AGAINST SIN- and for LIFE!

Suffering while in the will of God **causes** me to trust God because
I know that **at the end of the trial**, my testimony will be one that
glorifies God!

3. JOB'S SUFFERING POINTS TO SOMETHING PROFOUND:

Intercessor

Job points to something profound- [READ **Job 9:33** again]. Here
I'm certain that Job was **speaking of a mediator from a judicial
perspective** but it **points to something deeper** than that.

Job **demonstrates** the **need for an intercessor** between man and
God!

★ 1 Timothy 2:5,6- there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ

★ Hebrews 7:25 says that Christ lives perpetually to make intercession for us

Jesus did just what this passage of scripture suggests- he laid his hands on sinful humanity and on God and became a bridge between the two!

He has **reconciled** us through his death in the flesh and made us heirs to the promises of God!

HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN THE INTERCESSOR?

God put Jesus between Himself and Satan as a buffer!

Satan means **adversary** or accuser in Hebrew. Some scholars claim that is a sort of **prosecuting** attorney in heaven, constantly bringing charges against mankind!

IF THERE IS A PROSECUTOR, GOD'S JUSTICE DEMANDS THAT THERE ALSO BE A DEFENSE ATTORNEY! In the cosmic court of the universe, Christ is our lawyer !

1 John 2:1 says that if a man sins, **we have an advocate in heaven,** Jesus Christ, the righteous!

★ How long has Christ been our intercessor?

The **role of Christ as the intercessor is eternal** because Christ is eternal.

The book of **Job is pre-Law and Pre-redemption** so we do not SEE Christ as the intercessor in the Old Testament. The **reason** we don't SEE him is that **time can be understood in two ways: Kairos/Chronos**

★ Kairos versus Chronos Time

Kairos time refers to “the right time or the **opportune** time” whereas **Chronos** time deals with **chronological** time, hours, minutes, seconds, milliseconds...etc.

So **CHRONOLOGICALLY**, we have only known Christ as our intercessor since **Calvary** (the last 2000 years) but **KAIROLOGICALLY**, He's **ALWAYS** been our intercessor **but He was not revealed until the proper time!**

GOD IS SO POWERFUL THAT HE INTERSECTED KAIROLOGICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL TIME AND A BABY WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM NAMED JESUS!

Galatians 4:4 When the "**FULLNESS OF TIME CAME**" God sent forth His Son, born of a woman...born under law.

God sent the Christ to live among us, to sympathize with us in our weakness. **AND as** our great High Priest- He **offered** up a sacrifice once and for all!

NOW He is sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding- not just answering prayers but protecting us and defending us against Satan!

THANK YOU JESUS FOR COMING AT THE RIGHT TIME AND MAKING YOUR TIME INTERSECT WITH OUR TIME AND SAVING US IN THE NICK OF TIME!

4. JESUS IS MY RIGHTEOUSNESS!!

Job is in the middle of this scolding, scathing rebuke by his friends and here in chapter 9 is one of his responses to them. The friends are talking about how there is no way that God can bring calamity on the righteous and that there must be some sin in Job's life.

They **didn't have all of the information** yet they talked as if they were God himself. When you don't know the facts, the best thing to do is to keep quiet.

During their rebuke, they addressed righteousness before God on several occasions. **Job 9:1,2** "...In truth, I know that this is so, **BUT how can a man be in the right before God?**" Job was on to something.

Job then says, if one wished to dispute God and God asked a **thousand questions**, man could not answer him back once! Job then goes on to say that God is ALL powerful. He turns mountains over, he shakes the earth out of its place, he stretched out the heavens and gave the stars their home!

JOB UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF GOD!

He said EVEN IF I'M RIGHT, I still have to ask for God's mercy! I am no match for God in power or strength! He is my judge!

THANK YOU JESUS that I don't have to stand up to God in my own righteousness!

When we make Jesus our savior, he saves us from the wrath of God, He makes us God's friends and not God's enemies, He brings us near to God through His blood!

NOW, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT CONNECTED TO ME BUT TO JESUS!

Job's faith in God points to this very concept of being made righteous through Faith and not by Works!

HIS FAITH LED TO HIS OBEDIENCE, not the other way around!

He remained faithful because as he said in Job 19:25 "I KNOW my Redeemer Lives!!" I know that this trouble won't last forever and one day I am going to be redeemed and rescued!

5. PURE GOLD!

Job 23:9,10 “When He acts on the left, I cannot behold *Him*;He turns on the right, I cannot see Him. **10**“**But He knows the way I take;When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.**

Job says, I don't know which way God is going, I don't know exactly where He is- but I KNOW that HE KNOWS exactly where I am.

We know the end of the story, Job is restored. His family is restored. His livestock is restored. But there is something interesting here...at the end of this story, Job's friends have to go and apologize to him.

Two ways he could've handled it- he did it the way that he was taught in his trial. Within Job's trial, there was information being transferred to him- he learned mercy so that he could show mercy!

The text doesn't say it, but God's response to Job says that Job showed mercy to them the same way that God showed mercy to him.

Thank you Jesus for teaching us to be like you are. To be merciful to others as you have been merciful to us. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY!

CLOSE:

The book of Job, whose author is unknown, points to Christ on numerous occasions. In Job 16:19, Job says that his witness is in heaven. In Job 19:25, Job says that he knows that his Redeemer lives...ANYONE IN HERE BEEN REDEEMED TODAY.

We've been redeemed from the power of sin and the redeemer also takes responsibility for our day to day protection! Thank you Jesus for being our redeemer

Job is a type of the one that was to come. Difference: Job was just a man whereas Jesus is divine!

Job simply tells us a story but JESUS GIVES US THE POWER TO WRITE OUR OWN STORY!

Can I tell you about this man named Jesus!

- † **Jesus was a man that suffered unjustly**
- † **Satan afflicted Jesus even until his last hours...Jesus said in Gethsemane, this hour and the power of darkness are yours (Chronologically)**
- † **How many know that in history (chronologically), that moment belonged to the devil but in eternity (Kairologically), it all belongs to God!?**
- † **Here was a man that knew no sin yet he bore the sins of the world**
- † **Here was a man that always did what was pleasing to God**

- † **Here was a man that always trusted God**
- † **But he had to endure suffering in order to carry out the purpose of God**

**JESUS WAS THE INTERSECTION OF KAIROLOGICAL AND
CHRONOLOGICAL TIME!**

- † **1 Timothy 2:6 says that Christ gave his life up as a ransom for many--- at the PROPER TIME**
- † **1 Timothy 6:15 says that Jesus Christ will appear again “AT THE PROPER TIME”**
- † **Romans 5:6 says “at the RIGHT TIME” Christ died for the ungodly**
- † **At the right time, Christ Jesus went from judgment hall to judgment hall to be tried by evil men**
- † **At the right time, Christ Jesus received 39 lashes across his back-AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED FROM THE SICKNESS OF SIN**
- † **At the right time, he hung on a cross from the 6th to the 9th hour- never once cursing God, ONLY asking “my God, My God why have you forsaken me?”**

- † **At the right time, he was placed in a tomb that belonged to someone else...**

- † **At the right time, he was BROUGHT FORTH AS PURE GOLD...what time was the right time?**

- † **3 days in the heart of the earth- then on the 3rd day he got up from the dead with all power in his hand!!**

- † **At the right time, he went back to the right hand of the father and now lives forever to make intercession for the saints!**

- † **Revelation 12:10 says that at the right time, “The accuser of our brethren, he who accuses them before our God day and night, WILL BE THROWN DOWN”**

- † **Thank you Jesus that one day, Satan will be hurled down to the earth and he will no longer be able to accuse us ANYMORE!!**

- † **At the right time, he called you out of darkness into the marvelous light!!**

- † **At the right time, he prayed for you before you were sifted as wheat and your faith did not fail!**

† Thank you Jesus for all that you've done for us!! Thank you Jesus for being our righteousness! Thank you Jesus for being our mediator!! Thank you Jesus for being our teacher!! Thank you Jesus!!

Truth is, WE DON'T KNOW why we go through what we go through. But ultimately, God does- it's our job to trust him. If you are outside of God's will, you need a mediator- Job needed a mediator and he KNEW God...you need one that can present you before God as faultless...you need Jesus.