

Series: Stand Fast in the Lord

NOW MINE EYE SEETH

JOB 42

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Introduction:

Over the past few chapters, we find that God has been using His creation to teach important lessons to Job and to put him in his place.

Job needed to learn his mistake in challenging the Lord and questioning God's justice and fairness in the care of his own life.

Job wasn't happy because he had suffered so much.

In chapter 42 of Job, the winds of woe have finally died down and have been hushed by a peaceful calm.

The birds are singing, and the rays of the sun are piercing through the dark, charcoal clouds of despair that are blowing off into the horizon.

David put it this way when he described the bliss after a great trial:

Psalm 30:5

⁵ For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

It's morning time for Job.

Think about this, Job was beaten, bruised, blistered, battered, bloodied, burglarized, and burdened by Satan.

Though Job wasn't perfect; Job stood fast in the Lord.

Through all his suffering; Job learned that God was good.

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD'S ABILITIES (VS. 1-2)

Job 42:1-2

¹ Then Job answered the LORD, and said, ² I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Job acknowledged that, “You know the thoughts of everyone. I know you can do everything!”

That is exactly what God wanted him to learn and what He wants us to learn, too.

God wants us to have strong faith in Him and His abilities.

Consider what God did for:

Daniel – in clamping the mouths of the lions.

The People of Israel – in crumbling the wall of Jericho, parting the waters of the Red Sea and the Jordan River.

The Three Hebrew Young Men – Protecting them in the flames of the furnace.

Gideon and his 300 Men – enabling them to defeat an army of hundreds of thousands of men.

Understand:

God can do anything.

We must have faith in Him that He can meet our needs.

Note: Hebrews 11:6

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⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Not only was there the Acknowledgement of God's Abilities but also:

2. THE ADMITTANCE OF IGNORANCE (VS. 3)

Job 42:3

³ Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Job learned that God was doing things that he didn't understand.

The older I get, there is so much I don't know but want to know, especially about the Lord.

I am still learning lessons about walking with Him. I am still learning about who He is, what He does, and the mystery of His ways.

Note Isaiah 55:8-9:

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⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹ For as the

heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Know that God is always at work even though we may not see it or understand it.

Not only was there the Acknowledgement of God's Abilities and his Ignorance but also:

3. THE ABHORRENCE OF SELF (VS. 4-6)

Job 42:4-6

⁴ Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. ⁵ I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

⁶ Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

Job was a man of integrity, and because of this and his questioning of what God had allowed in his life, he said "I abhor myself."

Understand:

The test of true repentance does involve a godly sorrow that one has disobeyed and offended the Lord.

Paul spoke of this:

2 Corinthians 7:8-9

⁸ For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. ⁹ Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

Change" is a major factor of repentance.

Quote:

Spurgeon said, "Repentance is an inseparable companion of faith."

The tear of repentance glitters in the eye of faith.

In fact, faith and repentance are like Siamese twins, for they are virtually joined together.

They are two spokes of the same wheel.

They are two handles of the same plow.

Repentance looks upon things in the past with a weeping eye, and upon the future with a watchful eye.

We can't just say we believe in the Lord and then live any way we want to live. Many try to do this today and

wonder why they have no power or joy in their Christian lives.

We'll consider one final thought this evening.

4. THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD (VS. 10-17)

Job 42:10-17

¹⁰ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. ¹² So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. ¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. ¹⁵ And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. ¹⁶ After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. ¹⁷ So Job died, being old and full of days.

God provides a list of blessing or gifts He gave to Job

The Lord supplied Job's needs and gave him so much more. God did exceedingly, abundantly above all that Job could ask or think.

Trials do not always have a happy ending, but we do know this, that God does write the last chapter and He wrote this one.

God gave to Job six key things that blessed his life for 140 more years.

A. Fortune (10b-11c)

Job 42:10-11

*¹⁰ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also **the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.** ¹¹ Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: **every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.***

Job received from God twice as much as he had before his trial. He was also given a gift of money and an earring of gold from his friends.

These were gifts of friendship and courtesy.

A gift for those who survived difficult circumstances was a custom in those days.

B. Fellowship of Family and Friends (vs. 11a)

Job 42:11

¹¹ ***Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house:*** and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

When Job really needed these people, they were not around to comfort him at all.

Now that he is back on top, they flock to him.

If they truly cared about Job, they would have not dumped him when he was going through his ordeal.

Job's trial revealed to him those who truly cared about him and those who cared about his money.

Job had to forgive his family and friends for their fickleness and disloyalty.

C. Friendliness (vs. 11b)

Job 42:11

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Job's family and friends were much friendlier, now that he has regained his wealth.

The Bible says that they "bemoaned" him.

The word "bemoaned" means "to show grief, sorrow, or sympathy for someone."

Most likely his family and friends expressed their comfort to Job by confessing their regret for the way they treated him.

They confessed their mistakes to him which was a comfort to him.

D. Flocks and Food (vs. 12)

Job 42:12

¹² So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

God blessed Job with more at the end of his life than at the beginning.

His inventory of flocks and food were twice as much as he had before he was tested.

Job was reaping what he had sown.

He was reaping God's generosity for all the poverty-stricken people he had helped.

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 28:27

²⁷ He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

E. Fair Daughter and Sons (vs. 13-15)

Job 42:13-15

¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. ¹⁵ And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

God gave him ten more kids which included seven sons and three beautiful daughters.

It is interesting the name he called his first daughter.

Jemima means day by day.

When he named her, he may have been showing his appreciation for his life, one day at a time, taking no day for granted since he was on the verge of death when he was sick.

We too, are to do the same.

We have no guarantee of tomorrow.

Note James 4:14

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¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Note another blessing:

F. Full Health and Life (vs. 16-17)

Job 42:16-17

¹⁶ After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

¹⁷ So Job died, being old and full of days.

Job was given twice as much in his latter days. He are told he lived another 140 years.

This means he was around 70 when he went through his trial and that he died when he was around 210 years old. God restored his health and his life was satisfying or full of days.

He was privileged to see his great, great grandchildren born and grow. What a tremendous gift.

Close:

We will close this evening.

The lessons were painful but also productive.

We must realize that our trials will bring future blessings.

What Job said in Job 23:10 came to pass.

Job 23:10

¹⁰ But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.