

JOB 1; June 1; The LORD'S Appraisal of Job

ANALYSIS:

1. What are the four distinguishing, godly characteristics of Job that the LORD wants us to remember? _____, _____, _____, _____
2. What godly practice did Job continually perform for his adult children who were living on their own? _____
3. How much time elapsed between the stories of the four messengers who came to Job that day? _____
4. After hearing the four messengers, what did Job do to show his humble submission to and respect for the will of God?

5. What did Job boldly declare to all those standing around him on that day? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Job maintained a godly attitude toward the LORD in the face of sudden and complete loss of family and fortune (Remember, Satan left Job's wife because she was more important to Satan alive than dead!). Job survived Satan's difficult test because he understood five important facts about God's providential dealings in his life: 1) that he had been born with nothing and did not achieve anything on his own, 2) that one day he would die and take nothing with him, 3) that God had mercifully given him everything he had, 4) that God had the right to take away what he had given Job whenever the LORD so chose, and 5) that whatever God chose to do in his life, the LORD was good and righteous in all his ways and should be praised.

Do you have the same attitude toward potentially great loss that Job had? Could you respond to a terrible loss of family or fortune the same way Job did? If you could not, you had better humble yourself before the mighty hand of God before he tests you with just such a loss. May we be willing to suffer the loss of all things for the glory of God and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The LORD'S testimony of Job's faith and practice (vs 1, 8) is one we all should work to achieve. Ask yourself: What would I like the LORD to say about me?

HELP:

1. Job was perfect, upright, one that feared God, and eschewed evil (v 1).
2. After each of his children's feast days, Job got up early the next morning and offered sacrifices for each of his children. Job offered these continual sacrifices in the event that his sons had sinned and cursed God in their hearts (v 5).
3. The stories of the four messengers all ran together because the four events occurred almost simultaneously. The second messenger arrived while the first messenger was still speaking, etc. (vv 15-18).
4. Job worshipped the LORD (v 20).
5. "And (Job) said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (v 21).