

8-23-20 Message
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOB

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Job 1:20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

Job 1:21 And 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.

Job 1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 2:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 2:3 **And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job,** that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Job 2:4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

Job 2:5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but **save his life.**

Job 2:7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Job 2:8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Job 2:10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

Job 2:12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

Job 2:13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

***HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB.
I BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS EACH OF US TO CONSIDER JOB.***

Intro:

These things were written, I believe, so that we would consider this account of Job. This was written for our admonition and our teaching. God is saying to us, "Have you considered my servant Job?" The book of Job was written so we would consider Job and all he went through as an example for us to learn some important lessons in this life.

There is something that the Lord is trying to teach us as we consider what was written about Job

- I. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE.**
 - II. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF SUFFERING IN THE WILL OF GOD!**
 - III. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF IGNORANCE CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL REALM.**
 - IV. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PEOPLE WILL DISAPPOINT YOU.**
 - V. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ARE IGNORANT OF GOD'S WAYS.**
 - VI. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD'S JUSTICE ALWAYS WILL PREVAIL IN THE END.**
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1. THERE ARE CONFLICTS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM. THESE INVOLVE SPIRITUAL BEINGS CALLED ANGELS.

A. Often things that take place on earth are object lessons not just for our learning but to teach things to the angelic beings that exist.

Imagine the fact that we are not always the central reason for why things are happening.

B. MEN OFTEN BOO HOO THIS AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT TO BE SO. They mock people who believe in the spirit world.

Do we believe there is an angelic realm, involving spirits, good and bad, demonic and angelic? This humanistic world we live in does not, and it makes fun of anybody who claims they do. When **RICK SANTORUM CLAIMED HE BELIEVED SATAN WAS OUT TO DESTROY AMERICA THE MEDIA USED THAT TO DESTROY HIM. Until then he was the leading candidate in the polls.**

Do we believe in the angelic realm? If you believe the Bible you have to!

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, ANGELS ARE CURIOUS ABOUT SALVATION:

I Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; **which things the angels desire to look into.**

2. THERE ARE CONFLICTS TAKING PLACE IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM BETWEEN THE ANGELS OF GOD AND THE FALLEN ANGELS OF SATAN.

Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Revelation 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

3. Satan's power is wrapped up in his accusations against us.

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Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

According to this, we can know that Satan is accusing us day and night before the throne of God!

And what did he accuse Job of?

He accused Job of serving God and receiving the blessings for it.
Why would he not serve God?

This is spiritual warfare 101, Satan seeks to accuse us before God night and day.

4. SATAN GETS AUTHORITY TO AFFLICT PEOPLE AND IS INVOLVED IN THE EVERY DAY AFFAIRS OF OUR LIVES.

It is amazing how ignorant we are of his (SATAN'S) working and involvement in everyday life.

John Payton, a missionary to the New Hebrides (Now called Vanuatu - a group of 11 main islands east of New Guinea). He tells a story about some angelic care that he received in his lifetime. He said that one night wild natives surrounded his house, frantically dancing and jumping up and down in the jungle, desiring to kill John and his wife. Well, they got on their knees realizing there was no way they could protect themselves against these wild cannibals and they prayed. Soon after that the attackers all vanished into the

jungle, they were gone. According to Payton's biographer, a year later the chief of the tribe became a Christian, and John asked him at that time, What happened that night about a year ago when your natives surrounded our little lean-to there on the sand near the beach and all of a sudden they left? And this is what the chief said, "Well, because of all those men you had with you, we left." John said, "There were no men, just myself and my wife." The chief said that they had seen men standing guard, hundreds of big men in shining clothes, with swords in their hands, totally circling his home. This account shows how God is still using angelic beings to protect and work in the lives of His servants. This is one of the reasons we need to live a godly life, so we do not offend our angelic friends. Paul the apostle said the way we dress can offend the angels. I Cor. 11:10

It was Europe, July 1918, near the end of World War I, and the facing trench lines where this event occurred were between the town of Ypres (Flanders, Belgium) and the French town of Bethune). The British in this section of the front lines had been facing a witheringly intense concentration of artillery barrage and machine gun fire. The Germans had big plans, (it appeared), of breaking through into France through this section of the front line, and they were pounding the British soldiers in the trenches.

But the intensity of the fighting in this area of France, and its dire importance to the outcome of the war was known of by all English speaking peoples, and there had been much intense prayer from both Britain and its sister nations, and also from churches across the pond in the United States (America had entered the war, and American troops were even then crossing the Atlantic and would soon come in the tens of thousands, but that wouldn't help on this day. The American troops, I mean. They wouldn't matter for a few more weeks. But the prayer, it mattered a lot, even at this very moment!)

"The story of the White Cavalry at Bethune is attested by thousands of Germans and related in the words of a Prussian officer goes like this," and I quote: "We were advancing at the head of our troops, all of whom were in excellent spirits, singing as they swung along, thinking that the British were now defeated and all that remained was to go forward without opposition and capture Paris. By my side was Lt. Fritz and he suddenly seized hold of my arm saying, 'Look, Herr Capitan,

there is a large body of mounted men approaching Bethune from the other side. Why, they are clad in white and are mounted on white horses. Who can they be?"

'I don't know,' I replied. 'They may be British colonial mounted troops.' We halted instinctively and stood watching those white uniformed clad cavalry advancing quietly through the smoke. Their figures clearly outlined in the shining sun. We saw the shells breaking into death-dealing fragments and bursting amidst their ranks with shattering crashes which shook the ground and this was soon followed by intensive machine gun fire which raked them to and fro until it would seem impossible for anyone to survive. But the White Cavalry came, quietly forward at a slow trot and not a man nor a horse fell. Resistless as the incoming tide, they advanced and in front of them rode their leader, a fine figure of a man. By his side was a great sword, not a cavalry sword but similar to that used by the Crusaders. And his hand lay quietly holding the reigns of his great white charger, as it bore proudly forward. Then a terror seized me and I found myself fleeing from that awe-inspiring body of White Cavalry, frightened, terrified. All around me were masses of men, formerly an army, now a rabble, broken and afraid. All fleeing from them. But more especially from that wonderful leader on his great white charger. The German army is defeated, we have lost the war and it is due to the White Cavalry."

Why would such a report shock us, a similar account we read in Scripture, with Elisha and the army of Syria.

II Kings 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

II Kings 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

II Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

II Kings 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

II Kings 6:19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

II Kings 6:20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

II Kings 6:21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

II Kings 6:22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

There is no doubt that angelic beings can and do intercede in the affairs of men. Prayer changes things. We need to pray for our nation. We are in spiritual warfare like never before. We now need God's intervention.

5. THIS BEING THE CASE, WHAT ARE THE WEAPONS WE NEED TO PROTECT OURSELVES IN THIS SPIRITUAL BATTLE?

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A. First we need to believe that the conflicts on earth are but an out working of the conflicts in Heaven.

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These spiritual wickedness in high places are none other than the forces of darkness of this world. Demons and satanic angels.

B. Our ability to win in these conflicts must be based on spiritual armor, not physical armor.

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C. NOTE THE ARMOR IS BASED ON SPIRITUAL ATTRIBUTES AND VIRTUES, NOT PHYSICAL WEAPONS.

D. TRUTH IS FIRST DEFENSE:

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,

Truth is at the foundation of our armor. Even the devil seeks to accuse us of things that are true. Satan uses half truths to his advantage. He is called the accuser of the brethren. He said, of truth, concerning Job,

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So too, Satan is accusing us, before the throne of God.

He said do this or that take away your blessing and see what he does. So I see people drop away from the Lord over the least little trials.

We have this covid virus going on now, but the Bible says, don't forsake the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is. The truth is we do everything possible to help people to obey that command. We have provided our messages on line, we have conference calls and we have blocked off every other pew tried to maintain some social distancing in our church, yet still there are some that have stopped coming to church and do not avail themselves of being on line. What would people do if there was persecution for going to church?

E. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUR DEFENSE.

...and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

That righteousness is not self righteousness, it is the righteousness of Christ!

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I. THE SWORD THAT AVENGES US IS TRUTH, THE BIBLE!!!

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
Many a Christian soldier does not know how to handle this weapon!

II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

J. PRAYING IS WHAT PRESERVES AND PROTECTS US.

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THIS WAR IS REAL AND IS TAKING PLACE!!!!

***PART II HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT JOB?
AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL.***

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In this account, the Lord starts the dialog with Satan, saying have you considered my servant Job.

Today He has allowed this account to be recorded in the Scripture so that each of us may consider the lesson of Job in our own lives.

Many people believe that actually out of all Scripture, Job is the oldest book in the Bible. It was passed down to us even before Genesis was written. God wanted all men to know why some things happen in this life, and correct the wrong thinking that many people have. Which is, that if you live righteously everything is always going to go well for you.

NOT SO. Many times it is just the opposite.

I. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

II. NOW CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF SUFFERING IN THE WILL OF GOD!

Note: It was God who initiated the conversation with Satan about Job.
Not the devil.

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Note: DO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS WORKING IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN?

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. That does not mean that there will not be times when we wonder just how God is bringing circumstances for good!

Is God not working? Even when our experience might be considered distasteful and even painful?

In this book God wants us to consider some of the reasons the righteous suffer in this life.

III. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF IGNORANCE CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL REALM.

Men are ignorant to what is taking place in the spiritual realm.

We blame men.

We blame circumstances.

We get angry of people, places, and things.

Sometimes we even blame God for things that He is not doing directly.

WHO BROUGHT ALL THE HARM TO JOB?

WHO ACCUSED JOB?

WHO MOVED GOD TO GET PERMISSION TO AFFLICT JOB!!!

WE ARE BLIND TO WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING!!!

Consider Balaam:

Numbers 22:21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

Numbers 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

Numbers 22:23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Numbers 22:24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

Numbers 22:25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

Numbers 22:26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

Numbers 22:27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

Numbers 22:28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

Numbers 22:29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

Numbers 22:30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

Numbers 22:31 **Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam,** and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

Why are we ignorant to the spiritual world around us?

- A. Because God has His purposes which are hidden from us.
- B. We are not the center of everything as we may think.
- C. Sometimes it is none of our business. It is just for us to believe and trust in the Lord concerning the spiritual realm.
- D. We probably could not handle seeing the spiritual activity around us.

NOTE: Job knew nothing about what was going on behind the scenes to afflict him, however, God wanted us all to know so that we could trust Him and take heart during trials and afflictions! It takes faith on our part to believe that God is working behind the scenes and this spiritual conflict is taking place.

We cannot see what is going on in the spiritual realm. It is unhealthy for us to want to know and see what is forbidden!

Often people who mess around with demonic activity become schizophrenic and develop mental instability. We say they are insane because they do not function in the real world. Often, their inability to function is because they are too consumed with things that are were forbidden. In the Bible, many of these people were considered demon possessed. This is why the Bible forbids seeking fortune tellers and soothsayers, and mediums, etc.. When people get involved in these things they open themselves up to demonic oppression.

When Jesus and the prophets were shown spiritual things and were aware of angelic and demonic activity it was a healthy thing for all those around them and others. It was profitable for this life and the next. Sometimes the Lord has allowed certain of his prophets to get a glimpse at angelic activity but when He does so, these His servants are given a sound mind.

Jesus attributed sickness to Satan and healed people.

LUK 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

LUK 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

When the Pharisees criticized Jesus for healing on the Sabbath he answered them:

LUK 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Do we believe what Jesus said?

In the book of Job, Job's friends accused Job of sin, believing God was angry at him. They never could imagine God would allow someone to suffer unless they themselves were guilty of personal sin. They never factored in the mystery of their being a Satanic being who was involved in all this.

The prophets attributed wars and conflicts to spiritual activity and were able to harness angelic help and protection.

That old Russian monk Rasputin was aware of angelic activity and cause much harm to his country, countrymen, and the Tsar and his family that he bewitched.

Think of all the great men of the Bible that saw angels, but for the good and benefit of themselves and others.

Abraham meet angels.

Jacob saw angels.

Gideon saw an angel.

Elisha saw angels.
Daniel had experiences with angels.
JESUS.. PETER.. PAUL.. JOHN..

But in each of their cases, it was a healthy thing! The reason is that it was God that showed these things to His servants and they did not seek them themselves.

Today most people who talk about angels do it in a crazy kind of way and many people think any study of the subject of angels and demons is crazy! Truth be told if it is a Biblical study it will be based on sound reasoning and a sound mind. Apart from Scripture it is indeed craziness!

IV. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PEOPLE WILL DISAPPOINT YOU.

Because of the ignorance of the spiritual realm, we find ourselves getting angry at men & circumstances, kicking our donkey like Balaam; misunderstanding why things happen and why people do what they do.

Job's three friends accused Job of deserving the problems and trials he was facing.
THE DEVIL NO DOUBT DECEIVED THEM!

So it is that many times we think that people get what they deserve.

SOMETIMES IT IS NOT THE CASE AT ALL. Sometimes, we are not getting what we deserve, but affliction and trials are brought on by our great enemy and accuser, even Satan!

Job's friends had it all wrong.
Job's wife had it all wrong.
Job not only suffered with physical loss and afflictions, Job suffered from rejection from his friends.

Sometimes the greatest trials in the ministry is not lack of finances.
Need of buildings.
Problems with physical needs.
GREATEST PROBLEMS ARE PEOPLE PROBLEMS!!!

Satan no doubt used his three friends and even his wife to afflict him further.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

II Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
II Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

So often we get mad at people when we should react as Jesus did with Peter when he was trying to get him out of the will of God, Jesus said to Peter,

Matthew 16:23 "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

He attributed His offence as being motivated by Satan.

By the way, this says a lot about our unrestrained speech. Sometimes the devil uses our tongue for his work. We need to be careful of this. Many times we become tools of Satan instead of tools for God. In the book of Job, Job's wife and three friends were all being used of Satan to try and get Job to give up on God!

V. CONSIDER JOB AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ARE IGNORANT OF GOD'S WAYS.

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Remember, Job did not know anything about the devil's doing in this whole matter and thought that all his afflictions were coming from God.

This is interesting. Consider that Job said, I am going to trust in the Lord even if He kills me. He did not believe he was suffering justly, but yet he loved the Lord enough and had a strong enough commitment in Him to trust Him till the end!

This is what separated the men from the boys spiritually.

The average person's faith and commitment to the Lord is not a commitment unto death. **THOUGH HE SLAY ME, JOB SAID.**

I will die trusting in the Lord.

THINK ABOUT THIS: Whether you die trusting in the lord, or not, you are going to die. What do you have to lose if you commit your life to the Lord?

All you lose is what you can't keep anyway.

Sometimes, because of sickness and trials, people can lose their homes and their bank accounts. I said to one person who was experiences trials in their life, "Remember you came into this world with nothing and you leave this world with nothing." Why are we so anxious in between?

Job 1:21 And 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.

Jim Elliot, he said: "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Robert Ketchem:

God is too kind to do anything cruel.

Too wise to make a mistake.

Too deep to explain himself. Rom. 11:33

WITH SOME PEOPLE...

When the least little thing happens they abandon serving God.

There are few people I know and believe would serve the Lord unto death.

I recall years ago when we were putting up the steeple on the church, we started with about 12 men, and by the end of the day we only had a handful left up on the scaffold. I believe a lot of the men got scared.

Job said, though He slay me, still I will trust Him!!!!

Remember the old saying, "WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH THE TOUGH GET GOING" A TRUE CHRISTIAN GET TOUGH AND DOES NOT STOP SERVING THE LORD IN ROUGH TIMES!

Job did not understand why God was allowing the great trial and afflictions in his life, but Job was not going to curse God.

Job was not going to bail out on his faith. He was going to trust the Lord till the end!!!

PART III EVENING MESSAGE

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In the end, God is going to make all things right.

Every injustice will be made right.

Every wrong will be avenged.

Every deed will be accounted for.

1. EVERY PERSON WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE:

Every unsaved person will have to pay the penalty of their violations of God's law. Every work will be judged. Every godly deed will be rewarded in that day!

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: **and they were judged every man according to their works.**

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**2. Every believer will be judged according to his works.
Our reward will be based on that which we did which is right.**

Sometimes it does not seem that it is worth doing right.
Sometimes you are not rewarded in this life for doing right.
But be sure God will make everything right sooner or later.

In Job's case, after he was tried, God rewarded him.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

II Corinthians 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

II Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

All the labour you do for he Lord will be rewarded.

3. GOD CAN AND MANY TIMES WILL REWARD YOU THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY!

After Job's great trial and difficulty God gave him back double of what he lost.

4. GOD SOMETIMES WAITS AND REWARDS US IN THE NEXT LIFE.

Remember what Meshach, Shadrach, and Abed-nego said when they were tried. They said,

DNL 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

DNL 3:17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

DNL 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

The Bible says it is a greater thing to be rewarded in eternity than on earth.

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

In Job's case, God rewarded him double for all that he suffered.
God rewarded Joseph.
God rewarded David.

All that Paul suffered, his reward was guaranteed in heaven!

For Job the Lord gave him double in the end, for others they will receive an hundred fold more in heaven.

Job 1:2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.
Job 1:3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

Job 42:10 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.

Job 42:11 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 42:12 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.

Job 42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

Job 42:15 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.

Job 42:16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

Job 42:17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

BE SURE, JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL.
IN DUE SEASON WRONGS WILL BE MADE RIGHT.

Conclusion:

The biggest problem we face in this life is that people are looking, not at the long term, but are looking at the short term.

This mentality permeates our society.

A many years back I remember there was a big scandal because of a major bridge collapsed and killed a lot of people all because the contractors cut corners in building the bridge.

NOW WHAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CUT CORNERS ON IS THAT BRIDGE THAT WILL TAKE US INTO ETERNITY! JESUS IS THAT BRIDGE FOR OUR ETERNAL LIFE. DON'T BE CHEAP WITH HIM!

In the book of Job we read these words, "Have you considered my servant.." Sometime those words will be spoken of every human being but in Job's case it was a trial unto near death, but for each of us our number is going to come up and it will be a trial unto death. Why all this fuss that we are dealing with concerning the "Cooties Virus"? I call it that. Why because we are all acting like a bunch of children over it. We even have an app on our phone to play the game. Why all the fuss? It is supposedly because of the fear that the virus will spread and people will die. So we are told to wear masks and do this and that, etc. Why, so you don't get sick and die. Well the other day I heard that there was a couple that were riding on a motor cycle and the driver died and his wife is in the hospital in intensive care. A deer ran out in front of them and they swerved to miss the deer and crashed. Why, the government says, and Rickie Levine says, they don't have to wear a helmet when they ride a motor cycle, why? It is cheaper to bury someone that dies from a motorcycle crash than to pay for disability for their whole life. Tell me the government cares if you die? Mark it down how this all changes after the election.

We have air conditioning in our house and do not leave windows open yet around this time of the year we cannot help but get some flies in the house. So here I was sitting and writing this sermon, being annoyed by a fly that keeps landing on my monitor, and keyboard. That is, until I grabbed something and swatted that nuisance bug and sent him back to Beelzebub his lord.

So you realize you are in just as much danger of getting sick from house flies as you are from catching the Cooties from people you may come in contact at church.

Consider the house fly, with their diet of feces, trash, rotting produce, and spoiled meats, house flies constantly pick up pathogens. The insects then carry these germs and leave them behind wherever they land. The transfer process only takes a matter of seconds.

In addition to spreading the bacteria that cling to their bodies, these flies often vomit and defecate where they land and feed. These pests often gather in kitchens and buzz around food, so this behavioral tendency adds to the potential spread of house fly diseases. Let alone house flies, consider, mice, mosquitoes, spiders, etc. Can Governor Wolf and Rickie Levine, order them to wear masks?

Many of the pandemics in the past were not spread by people but by animals, mice, rats, and mosquitoes. All it would take is for God in the courts of heaven to say, have you considered and the final trial of our life will be up. Hide all you want, wash your hands all you want, this appointment is one that is scheduled for you.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

So let me suggest that each of us should prepare for this great appointment before it happens.

So often I have visited people in the last days of their life to try and convince them to give their hearts to Christ. What I have observed with many lost souls that they only live to live, pay bills, get things, they have no time for God or church and in a blink of an eye they go into eternity. In their last days can they make up for lost time? Sometimes they are in such a rut that I have seen that they cannot even muster up the energy to exercise the faith necessary to be saved. Now in their last days, they are occupied with another earthly endeavor; "trying to breath and stay alive.." Still no concern for God?

I said to one man as he lay dying do you have assurance of eternal life? He replied, **"No I don't have insurance it ran out a few years ago."**

Poor and rich, they all suffer the same end.

Ecclesiastes 8:7 For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?

Ecclesiastes 8:8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Ecclesiastes 4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 4:8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

So someday those words will be spoke of each of us, **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED _____**, and it will be our appointed time. Are you prepared for that day? This is one of the great lessons we should consider as we read the book of Job.