

Job 13:1-19
"Trial to Triumph"

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1. Introduction

a. Many afflictions or difficulties can come to God's people

- 1 Pet 4:12 fiery trials come - do not think of it as strange
- unexpected life events

b. From life, get bitter? get better?

Job got better - vs. 3

* he desires to speak to the Almighty God

* he wants to reason with God

- Job had 3 friends come visit with him to mourn with him & try to comfort him - Job 2:11-13

- But Job calls his friend liars & worthless doctors - be quiet

* Job 13:4-5

c. God's view of trials

- 1 Pet 1:6-7 trial of your faith may be found to praise of God

- Job 1:8, 2:3 God's servant Job who fears God & continues to hold to his integrity

d. Job's life went from success to extreme trials & finally to triumph

- blessed with great wealth
- man of influence
- large family with many children

e. Job running his race of life

2. Some Heavenly Afflictions

a. Satan appears in heaven - Job 1:6-7, Job 2:1-2

- 1 Pet 5:8-9 Devil roams around the earth looking to devour (eat)

- Lk 22:31 Satan wants to sift Peter like wheat & get him

b. God points out Job to Satan

- consider my servant Job

2. Satanic attack - Job 1:10-11, 2:4-5 (2)

- Satan accuses God of putting a hedge (protective wall) around Job
- Satan dares God to put Job in his evil power - Satan wants to destroy Job

d. Satan's deliberate attacks

- all of Job's wealth gone (1:14-17)
- all his children killed in building collapse (1:13, 18-19)
- Job's health taken (2:7-8)

e. God permitted Satan to attack Job

- Job 1:12 Satan can take all he possesses, but don't touch Job personally (Job 1:12)
- Satan can touch Job's health, but not his life (Job 2:6)
- God continues to control circumstances in human lives
 - * 1 Cor 10:12-13 God is faithful
 - * Christian cannot be tempted beyond their ability to endure
 - * God also builds in way to escape
 - * limits on all circumstances of life

3. Hasty Assumptions

a. First question in reaction - Why?

- question wanting to know cause
- quest to understand circumstances
- question from self & from others

b. In first reaction, may come to hasty & wrong conclusion(s)

c. Humans cannot understand God's methods & thoughts - Is 55:8-9

- human reasoning cannot reach up to God's level
- Eliphaz gives his reasoning Job 4&5
- Bildad gives his conclusions - Job 8
- Zophar condemns Job - Job 11
- God looks at the heart of man
 - * 1 Sam 16:7 Lord does not look as a man sees

d. Yet Job will trust in God even if God kills him - Job 13:15

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4. Humble Acceptance

a. Creator worship

- Job 19:23-26 Job's great faith
 - * My Redeemer is now alive
 - * He will stand on earth in the latter day (end times, Day of the Lord)
 - * even after my body rots in the ground
 - * I shall see God ~~in~~ with my own eyes in my human body
 - * Conclusion: God will resurrect Job back to life from the grave
- Creator God is the life giver
 - * Jn 11:25 Jesus speaking, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believes in Me (though he were dead) yet shall he live"
 - * Job 12:7-10 God's work teaches man. Soul of every living thing & breath of all mankind is in God's hand
 - * Is 42:5 Creator God gives breath [of life] to all people
 - * Acts 17:24-25 Paul speaking, Creator God gives life & breath to all (living) things
- Job focused his worship on God
 - * Job 1:22, 2:10 Job did not sin with his lips
 - * Job 42:7 Eliphaz & friends have not spoken correctly
 - * Job 42:8, God's servant Job accepted
 - x God will hear Job
 - x Job has spoken correctly

b. Consecrating will

- Most people want to do their own thing
- Most people prone to put their life into their own hands

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- 1 Cor 6:19 Every Christian bought with a price. Christian is only a steward of their body (& life)
- Job will trust in God - Job 13:15

5. Honorable Accountability

a. Joyful obedience

- Job will maintain his ways before God (13:15)
 - * he will continue to trust God
 - * he will continue to obey God
 - * he will continue to say correct things about God
- James 1:22, 25 does of the Word

b. Justified outcome

- Job 13:16-18
 - * God shall be my salvation
 - * I know that I shall be justified
- Job 42:7-9
 - * God accepted Job & his words
 - * God was angry with Eliphaz, Bildad, & Zophar because they did not speak correct things about God
 - * Heb 13:15 fruit of the lips
 - x words are important
 - x How do I speak about God's character?

c. Job's reward

- Job 42:9-10 Job prayed for his 3 friends
 - * then God restored Job's losses
- Job 42:11 God restored Job's influence in his family & with his friends
- Job 42:12 God restored Job's wealth twice what it was before
- Job 42:13-15 God gave Job 7 new sons & 3 new daughters