

RESTORED

Job 42:7-17

The end of Job demonstrates the good work of God as the great restorer.

I. JOB'S SITUATION (7-9)

A. VINDICATED (7-8)

1. Job spoke what was right
2. Job's friends were wrong
 - a. God's Anger
 - b. God's Accusations
 - 1) Wrong words: Falsehood (see 4:7-9, 8:5-6, 11:13-19 and 25:4)
 - 2) Wrong ways: Folly > Speaking their speculations with authority

B. USEFUL (7-8)

1. As God's Servant
 - a. The Title: "My servant Job" used 4 times in 2 verses!
 - b. The Truth: One who assists God
 - c. The Term: Servant of God is the highest honor a man can have
2. Doing God's Service
 - a. Priestly: Receiving sacrifices > Job's ash heap became an altar!
 - b. Prayerfully: Praying for the errant

C. ACCEPTED (9)

1. God looked favorably on Job
2. Job acted favorably toward his critics

II. JOB'S SATISFACTION (10-17)

A. HIS FORTUNE (10, 12)

1. The Quantity: Two-fold (10b)
2. The Condition (10a) > Job's cooperation with God's instructions

B. HIS FAMILY (11, 13-15)

1. His Siblings and Acquaintances (11)
 - a. Fellowship: Eating bread
 - b. Encouragement: Consoling and comforting him
 - c. Recognition: Giving money and rings
2. His Children (13) > Providing new joy though not replacing those who died

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3. His Daughters (14-15)
 - a. Their names: Daughter's names are not normally recorded in Scripture
 - b. Their beauty: Exceptionally outstanding
 - c. Their inheritance: Exceptionally blessed

C. HIS FAVOR (16-17)

1. His Lifespan (16)
 - Living 140 years after his trial
2. His Epitaph (17)
 - The same words used for Abraham (Gen. 25:8), Isaac (Gen. 35:29) and David (I Chron. 29:28)

III. JOB'S SUCCESSES

A. CHANGE THROUGH SUFFERING

1. Meeting God face to face (38:1)
2. Coming to understand the sovereignty of God (42:2)
3. Learning greater lessons about the character of God (38:3-41:34)
4. Becoming a better counselor to other sufferers

B. TRUST AMID CHAOS

1. "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him." (13:15)
2. Acceptance when explanations are missing (42:3)
3. "Recognizing that God's silence does not mean His absence." [Roy Zuck, "Job," p. 190]

C. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

1. Satan Defeated: Without knowing it, Job's conduct was used to silence Satan's slander (see 1:10-11, 2:4-5)
2. Integrity Displayed: Job proved that real worship can be genuine and not hypocritical or contrived
3. Suffering Ends (42:11)
 - a. After accomplishing its goal, it stopped (42:11)
 - b. "Weeping may endure for a night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning." - Psalm 30:5a

CONCLUSION:

Do you need restored?

1. How are things between you and God?
2. Has your hope faded?
3. Do you find yourself frustrated?
4. Have you accepted Christ's salvation?
5. Are you fully devoted to Jesus?
6. Where are your affections?

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