

***Faith When
When Everything
Is Lost***

Job 1:21

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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.

Introduction

A. Job's blessings

Job 1:1-3

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

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.

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B. Job's losses in one day by the devourer

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Job 1:12

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

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C. Job's grief and unshaken faith

Job 1:20

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

I. Job Saw The Lord As The Source Of Life

“The Lord gave”

A. Parents are but partners with God in giving life

Psalm 127:3

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

B. All life comes from the Lord

Job 33:4

The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

I. Job Saw The Lord As The Source Of Life

C. Job knew the time he had with his children was by grace

Psalm 118:24

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

D. Every good and perfect gift is from above

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

I. Job Saw The Lord As The Source Of Life

**E. God is the great giver; His greatest gift was His Son
Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God
is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

II. Job Saw The Lord As Sovereign Over The Length Of Life

“The Lord ... have taken away”

A. Two surprising things about life

1. Its length when death seems near

Genesis 47:3

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

II. Job Saw The Lord As Sovereign Over The Length Of Life

A. Two surprising things about life - continued

2. Its brevity when the future seems sure

James 4:13-14

13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

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.

II. Job Saw The Lord As Sovereign Over The Length Of Life

B. Our breath is in God's hands

Daniel 5:23

But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

II. Job Saw The Lord As Sovereign Over The Length Of Life

C. Job understood that life is short at its longest

Job 7:6

**My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are
spent without hope.**

Psalms 90:12

**So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our
hearts unto wisdom.**

II. Job Saw The Lord As Sovereign Over The Length Of Life

**D. Job didn't understand but his faith made him strong
2 Corinthians 12:10**

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

III. Job Saw The Lord As The Same No Matter What Happens In Life

“Blessed is the name of the Lord”

A. It is easy to bless God when things are going well

Job 1:10-11

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

III. Job Saw The Lord As The Same No Matter What Happens In Life

**B. Job was able to bless God when his blessing turned to
barrenness**

Psalm 23:3

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.**

III. Job Saw The Lord As The Same No Matter What Happens In Life

C. Job didn't understand so he spoke by faith

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

God's Love Is Unchanging

The Cross Proves God's Unchanging Love

**God Loves You As You Are And Wants To
Save You**