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PART 3: JOB – A MAN OF FAITH

Is it possible for man to know how God thinks? **Isaiah 55-8-9**

We can catch glimpses of how God thinks by reading the Bible to find out what He likes and does not like. **Isaiah 57:15-21**

WHO DOES GOD PREFER?

The Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons but this reference has to do with salvation in that He is willing to save everyone. **Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34**

God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel there are some people He prefers over others; He did not say this just one time, but time and time again.

God stated He would send judgment to Israel. If Noah, Daniel or Job were in the country, they would be delivered through their righteousness, but they would not be able to deliver any of their families. **Ezekiel 14:12-20**

Since Noah, Daniel and Job pleased God, let's find out how they pleased Him.

JOB

The name "Job" means "Hated" in Hebrew.

We know that Job was a contemporary with Abraham, who was born in 1955 and died in 2130.¹ Abraham was the tenth generation after Noah and we can assume that Job had about the same amount of generations before him. Job would have been born around 300 years after the flood.

From the Bible we know that both Noah and his son Shem were alive when Abraham was born and Abraham was 51 years old when Noah died and Abraham died 26 years before Shem died. The knowledge of God and what had transpired before the flood had been transferred to both Abraham and Job.

Abraham lived on the west side of the Jordan River in the land of Canaan and Job lived on the east side of the Jordan River in what is known today as Jordan.

According to historical belief of Bible scholars, the book of Job was part of the historical collection of the time from Adam and Eve to the time of Moses.² When Moses took all the different historical records from the twelve tribes of Israel and merged them into the five books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), he included the records of Job's life and made it into a book.

¹ I have set the creation of Adam to year zero and Abraham was born 1,955 years after the creation of Adam.

² Moses lived approximately 640 years after Abraham.



CHARACTER

The Bible records the following characteristics about Job:

“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.”
(Job 1:1)

Perfect: The Hebrew word used here is “tam” which means “plain.” In today’s language it would be described as “straightforward.”

Upright: honest, just, honorable

Feared God: He worshiped the Lord with great respect

Eschewed evil: To avoid, to abstain from evil

CONCERNS

Job had ten children consisting of seven sons and three daughters. They did not have to work as adults since Job was rich. They liked to party very often, which included drinking wine, and Job was concerned they might sin and he interceded for them. **Job 1:2-5**

SATAN HATED JOB

Satan was looking all over the earth to find people who loved God. **1 Peter 5:8**

He wanted to destroy them by accusing them before God. **Job 1:6-12**

Satan attacked everything that Job owned, including his children, and destroyed it all. **verses 13-19**

JOB’S RESPONSE

Instead of falling apart, Job fell down and worshipped God. **verses 20-22**

SATAN’S SECOND ATTACK

Satan was unable to break Job and make him curse God so he went back a second time and requested to be able to strike Job personally. **Job 2:1-6**

The blow came hard upon Job. **verses 7**

Then Satan moved upon Job’s wife to attack him. **verses 8-9**

Job stood his ground even when attacked in his body and told by his wife to commit suicide. **verse 10**

JOB WAS DEVASTATED

Job had lost his children, wealth and his health. He didn’t know at this time what had taken place in the courthouse of heaven. Job loved God and faithfully walked with Him and yet all this evil had befallen him. Heaven was silent, and after seven long days, Job could not take it any longer, and finally spoke when he cursed the day he was born. **Job 3:1-13**

He had constantly had fear that his children would sin and now it had come to pass. **verses 25-26**

ATTACK FROM HIS FRIEND

It must have been well known in the community that Job's children had been drinking and partying. Bildad accused Job of not being righteous since his prayers and offerings had not stopped God from judging his children. **Job 8:1-15**

JOB SUFFERED MENTALLY

Job initially thought that God had afflicted him. **Job 9:17-18**

The pain drove Job into confusion. **Job 10:1-15**

Despite the pain and the spiritual suffering *Job had faith in God.* **Job 13:15-16**

Job had total faith in the Redeemer and to the coming Messiah that one day would take away all sin from those who believed in Him. **Job 19:25-27**

Job cried out to be able to have his day in court with God. **Job 23:1-9**

Job had faith that carried him through. **verse 10**

His friends were merciless in their attack. **Job 34:35-37**

GOD RESPONDS

We do not know how long Job had to suffer but God broke his silence one day and started to speak to Job. **Job 38:1-7**

God shared about his greatness and this is found in chapters 38 through 41.

JOB'S CONFESSION

Job had not been told what Satan had done and still thought that God had afflicted him, but he loved God so much that he humbled himself and repented before the Lord. **Job 42:1-6**

God rebuked the three men who had accused Job. **verse 7**

They were humbled and told to ask Job to pray for them. **verses 8-9**

RESTORATION

God healed Job and blessed him more than before than Satan's attack. God gave him an additional seven sons and three daughters.

God gave him 140 years to enjoy his blessings and see his offspring until the fourth generation. **verses 10-17**

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

There is no man recorded in the Bible that has suffered as greatly as Job. Satan used his entire arsenal to break him:

- ❖ Took away his livelihood.

- ❖ Killed all his children.
- ❖ Turned his wife against him.
- ❖ Sent his three best friends to lambast him.

How was Job able to stand and not break down? **Because of his deep love for God, his faith in God and his salvation based upon the future Redeemer!**

No wonder that Job was one of the men that God preferred.

Abiding in Jesus Christ is the only way to be able to stand and finish living for God on this earth! John 15:1-14

“Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.” (James 5:11)

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?