



Joshua 1:2 Fellowship

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James 5:13 (“Is anyone of you in Trouble? He should pray...”)

Trouble often drives Christians to God in prayer, while prayer is the voice of Christians in trouble. There is great value in prayer in the time of trouble.

- \* Prayer often delivers us out of trouble.
- \* Prayer gives us strength to bear trouble.
- \* Prayer is a must for all Christians who have acknowledged that we are involved in spiritual warfare. Job 14:1 says, “Man born of woman is of few days and FULL OF TROUBLE.” Trouble comes to the sinner as well as to the born-again Christian. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.” I Cor. 10:13a Every Christian will experience in his life pain and trouble because of the fall of man. Many Christians believe that we are not supposed to suffer and expect the Christian walk to be a bed of roses. Trouble is under the

control of God. God uses trouble in fulfilling His purposes and in perfecting His saints. Trouble is a servant of God! When trouble comes our way it is because God has given divine permission. God permitted satan to afflict Job!

### **JOB WAS BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT.**

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT, and one who feared God and shunned evil. “Job 1:1 Job was a man that loved God and his heart was right with God. He was a man of prayer! He was also a man that was very rich earthly possessions. Satan wants a piece of Job and asks permissions from God if he can hit him. “Then the Lord saith to satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns

evil? Job 2:3 Even God spoke about Job's blameless and upright walk. Because of what Jesus has done on the cross for us we are forgiven of all of our sins." Romans 3:22 says, "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Every Christian who is washed in the precious blood of Jesus is marked by the devil for trouble from him. Satan will ask permission from God so that he can afflict us like he did Job. "So satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? "...But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!" Job. 1:9-11 God gives satan permission to afflict Job . "So the Lord said to satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." V.12 Once satan got permission from God to hit Job all hell breaks loose in Job's life

### TROUBLE COMES JOB'S WAY



Job 1:13-19 (Read) God's servant Trouble pays a visit to Job. The devil came in like a flood and destroyed everything Job had. Job even lost his Ten children by a tornado caused by satan. When all of the

trouble came upon Job he did one thing that many Christians don't when trouble comes their way - HE WENT TO HIS PRAYER CLOSET. "Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." 1:20-21 Because Job was a praying man, he could go to his prayer closet when he was at his lowest. Job trusted and had faith in God because of that relationship he had established with Him for many years. When calamity hits the Christian, he also can go to his prayer closet with faith and trusting heart because of his relationship with God. Prayer, much prayer will establish that relationship with Almighty God. Job wins round one against the devil.

### JOB ENTERS THE SECOND ROUND

"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 2:1 The devil was not satisfied with the first round that he lost against God and Job. I believe that somewhere in the heart of Job he understood that God was in control of everything and that satan was involved. God rebukes satan! (2:3) "Then the Lord said to satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And he still holds fast to his integrity, **ALTHOUGH YOU INCITED ME AGAINST HIM, TO DESTROY HIM WITHOUT CAUSE.**" God

gives permission once again to satan that he may afflict Job. 2:4-8 (Read)

Job is inflicted with a deadly disease by the devil. Even when he is going through all this Job was able to trust God and not blame Him for his misfortune. “Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold to your integrity? Curse God and die!” But he said to her, “you speak as one of the foolish women speaks, shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.” 2:9-14 K.J.V.

“...SHALL WE ACCEPT GOOD FROM GOD, AND NOT TROUBLE?” N.I.V.

Job understood something about trouble. WHY DOES TROUBLE COME OUR WAY? To Produce Fruit If we allow suffering to accomplish its purpose, it can bring forth fruit.

\* Endurance - Heb. 10:36

\* Joy - Ps. 126:6

\* Knowledge - Ps. 94:12

\* Maturity - I Pet. 5:10

To silence the devil God allowed the devil to torment Job to demonstrate that His servant loved God because of who God was, and not for what he could get from Him.

Job 1:9-12, 2:3-7

To Glorify God

John 9:1-3

John 11:1-4

To Make Us Like Jesus “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and The fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.” Phil. 3:10 To

Teach Us Dependence John 15:1-5

To Refine Our Lives

\* Ps. 66:10-12

\* I Pet. 1:6-7

\* Job 23:10

To Rebuke Our Sin Just like a loving earthly father punishes his children, so does God.

\* I Pet. 4:16-17

\* Heb. 12:7-11

## CONCLUSION:

Job trusted God throughout his trial and sufferings. Because Job never gave up he was blessed by God two fold. “Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; ...He also had seven sons and three daughter.” 42:12-13 No matter what comes our way (trial, crises, hard times) we must be like Job and trust God and “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.”

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