

# Job

Why Me?



**THE DOUBLE  
BLESSING**

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**Job 42:7-17**

My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.”<sup>9</sup> So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job’s prayer.

**Job 42:7-17**

<sup>10</sup> After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought on him,

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and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup> The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

**Job 42:7-17**

<sup>14</sup> The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch.

<sup>15</sup> Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

**Job 42:7-17**

<sup>16</sup> After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. <sup>17</sup> And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

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The role of the narrator is to shape our perspective and our experience as we read Job for ourselves

The double blessing isn't a reward for passing the test. It is a gift of God's grace in Job's life.

**I) A RESTORATIVE  
BLESSING**

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<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

**Matthew 5:23-24**

Job teaches us the importance  
of practicing the ministry of  
reconciliation especially after a season of  
pain and suffering

Reconciliation always precedes  
restoration

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**Job 42:11**

<sup>14</sup> Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

**1 Samuel 16:14**

**Can God trouble us or torment us?**

**The controversial answer is YES**

“To him belong strength and insight; both  
deceived and deceiver are his.”

**Job 12:16**

We can only contrast the Lordship of  
God over Satan by witnessing both good  
and evil in our lives

We must trust God even when it takes  
time to hear Him speak or  
see Him move

<sup>32</sup> Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

**Hebrews 10:32-36**

<sup>34</sup> You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. <sup>35</sup> So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

**Hebrews 10:32-36**

<sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

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**2) A LATTER  
BLESSING**

**<sup>12</sup> The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.**

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**Job 42:12-15**

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**Job 42:12-15**

“Job’s restoration does not come about overnight. Ten children have yet to be born to him over the course of a decade or more, and the vast herds of livestock will not miraculously appear on his grazing lands; they much accumulate according to the natural order of things... He still has 140 years in which to experience ever-increasing wealth.

The clause.... can only be a headline sentence, referring to the whole of his future life, his “later years”; it is not the narrative of an event that took place at a given moment, and especially not at the moment that Job prays for his friends.”

**- David J. A. Clines -**  
(The Word Bible Commentary)

We see how God doubled his livestock in Job  
42:12 from what we read in Job 1:3

Seven thousand sheep vs. Fourteen thousand sheep

Three thousand camels vs. Six thousand camels

Five hundred yoke of oxen vs. Thousand yoke of oxen

Five hundred donkeys vs. Thousand donkeys

I want to speak to those who are married for a moment. God has gifted you with a spouse with whom you can navigate the pain and suffering of life. Do not take it for granted.

Fulfill your vows to one another:

For better or for worse

For richer or for poorer

In sickness and in health

Till death do us part

If God ever gives you a chance to do something all over again, please do it again differently

Your beginnings will seem humble, so  
prosperous will your future be.

**Job 8:7**

**3) A GENERATIONAL  
BLESSING**

<sup>16</sup> After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. <sup>17</sup> And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

**Job 42:16-17**

<sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in  
the hands of a warrior are children born in  
one's youth. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man whose quiver  
is full of them.

**Psalm 127:3-5**

Now a generational blessing  
does not mean that your children,  
grandchildren, great grandchildren  
or great-great grandchildren will  
avoid any pain and suffering of  
their own

Our God is not only a personal God, but  
He is also a familial God

“But as for me and my household, we will serve  
the LORD.”

**Joshua 24:15**

<sup>8</sup> Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.

**Genesis 25:8**

<sup>29</sup> Then [Isaac] breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

**Genesis 35:9**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**Psalm 145:3-8**

<sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.  
<sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**Psalm 145:3-8**

Stories of suffering are not meant to be repressed, but expressed as testimonies so that the next generation will know that God is sovereign and faithful

<sup>4</sup> Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; <sup>5</sup> in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, understanding, patience and kindness;

**2 Corinthians 6:4-10**

in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;<sup>7</sup> in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;<sup>8</sup> through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;

**2 Corinthians 6:4-10**

<sup>9</sup> known, yet regarded as unknown; **dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; everything** <sup>10</sup> **sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.**

**2 Corinthians 6:4-10**

“The primary message that emerges from the book of Job is not ‘How can a loving God allow this to happen to an innocent sufferer?’ The main question posed by Job’s experience is ‘How can human beings continue to love God in the midst of evil?’”

**- John Swinton -**  
(Raging With Compassion)

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