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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2017 LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

Greetings to each of you this second month of 2017. What a blessing to be alive and have another opportunity to tell others about our soon coming King.

The journey of Job has provided many examples of Bible truth. Ecclesiastes 1:9 - The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

The way people think, reason, act, and/or treat each other, has already been done from the beginning of the first sin.

All actions, both good and evil, begin in the mind. Each day we see this truth as people decide their way is the right way. The results leave us in awe because we cannot understand the how or the why.

The key point we must remember, each person is accountable to God for every thought, word, or deed. We are all called to be Godly examples even when we are called to stand alone.

There is no greater reward that man can receive than to hear Jesus say, “Well done thy good and faithful servant.” This reward is worth the pain.

LEARNING FROM JOB - HOW TO RESPOND

Even in his emotional and physical pain, Job finds the strength to stand firm on his relationship with God. Job is non-yielding on the fact that God knows and at the end he (Job) shall come forth as pure gold. How could Job be so sure? Job 23:11 - My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

No matter how or what the storm, the key is to stand firm. How we stand during sickness, death of loved ones, loss of stuff, loss of relationships, and/or the inability to understand, shows how much we trust our God. We have only just begun to see the new ways Satan will present old temptations. We must be visual in our prayers, time alone with God, worship him all through the day, and living an example so others see and follow Jesus.  Stand Firm on the Word of God.

THE TALKS CONTINUE - THIRD SPEECH

Eliphaz's third speech was all about the wickedness of Job and the fact that God was punishing him for his infinite sins. (Job 22:5)

Bildad's third speech is short - Job 25:1-6. Bildad speaks no longer on the subject as prior, but he points to the fact of how glorious God is and the guilt and sinfulness of man.

"Their language is noble and elevated, their metaphors of rare beauty and force, but their position and contention were wrong, narrow, and untenable." (Believer's Bible Commentary)

Zophar does not speak again. Perhaps he has given up the hope that Job will confess his great sins or maybe he was tired of talking.

But we hear from a fourth speaker, Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite of the kindred of Ram. Job 32:6 which ties to Genesis 22:21, Buz was the brother of Uz and son of Nahor, who was the brother of Abraham.

Of all the information I read, Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary provided Elihu's entry to the debate in basic terms. In Job 32:1-5, Job's friends were silenced, but not convinced. Elihu was justly displeased with Job, as he was more anxious to clear his own character than the justice and goodness of God. Elihu was displeased with Job's friends because they had not been candid to Job. Seldom is a quarrel begun, and more seldom is a quarrel carried on in which there are not faults on both sides. Those who seek for truth must not reject what is true and good on either side, nor approve or defend what is wrong.

In all the talk, Job's three friends had found no way to refute him, yet they condemned him. This is what Elihu, son of Barachel the Buzite, said:

“I am a young man, and you are all old and experienced. That is why I kept quiet and held back from joining the discussion. I kept thinking, ‘Experience will tell. The longer you live, the wiser you become.’ But I see I was wrong—it’s God’s Spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty One, that makes wise human insight possible. The experts have no corner on wisdom; getting old does not guarantee good sense. So, I’ve decided to speak up. Listen well! I’m going to tell you exactly what I think.” Job 32: 6-10

I hung on your words while you spoke and listened carefully to your arguments. While you searched for the right words, I was all ears. And now what have you proved? Nothing. Nothing you say has even touched Job. And don’t excuse yourselves by saying, ‘We’ve done our best. Now it’s up to God to talk sense into him.’ Job has yet to contend with me. And rest assured, I won’t be using your arguments! Job 6:11-14 The Message Bible

Something to think about:

Perhaps we saw Elihu as an angry young man who had no idea what was going on. He was not on Job’s list of friends, nor is there any reason to think he was invited. Yet, he provides 165 verses which challenges Job to a debate; quotes Job’s complaints; answers Job’s complaints; tells Job what he believes to be the reason for Job’s problem; and reminds Job of the greatness of God.



Who is this self-proclaimed moderator that dares to face Job and his friends who have experienced the blessing of God for many years, and whose combined years and experience exceed his by leaps and bounds?

Yet, he begins fired up from holding all his frustrations in for so long, he opens and the words flow from chapter 32 through 37. In all, Elihu is not rebuked: neither by Job nor by God.

Are you fired up for God? May the spirit of God fire you up so you can witness his greatness today.

**Learning from Job – “Trusting Our God” continues next time
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