

The Best Choice

Job 23:12-14 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. 13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth. 14 For He performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.

Job understands that he cannot demand anything from the Lord. In his own self he has no power to change his condition. But Job realizes that the best course is to stay with God. That decision has the best return for him. Job realizes that his present condition and his future are in the hand of God and always have been. We are taught by others in this world that our future is in our hands. Stop and take a look around us, see the reality of it all. We have no surety that we can even walk tomorrow. We have no power over the elements. We really have no power over the future we have planned. We compared to God are weak.

Psalms 6:2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed (troubled).

That is to say our very foundation is troubled. The first time we fell down was a realization that we are troubled.

People in their quest to forget about God say it is just fate or luck when we face trouble. (or what we consider trouble) We need to remember as a child of God that not everything is what it seems at the moment.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

The key to that verse is "called according to His purpose". This consists of three things:

- That we care enough to strive to live within God's will,
- That we accept His purpose for our life,
- That we search the scriptures for a better understanding of His will.

The Lord's prayer states: **Matthew 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Job said in **verse 12**: "Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food."

Job realized the truth about God:

1. God is unchangeable

- A. In one respect this is a good thing. The world of man is always changing. Remember the good old days when the word of God and the Church was respected. When the teaching in the school was close to the moral teaching at home. The world changes but not God.
- B. **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. During all the change we have seen in our generation God has stayed the same.
- C. **Psalms 12:7** Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.
- D. **Psalms 48:14** For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.
- E. **Psalms 107:1** O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.
- F. **But God has plans** and his plans are also unchangeable. Sometimes His plans and ours don't coincide. Job realized this and even though he didn't understand what had befallen him he still made the choice to be faithful to God. We must make a choice, the world or the Word of God.
- G. Notice how much change there has been in the last 10 years. According to the world: Marriage is not the same, Speech is not the same, History is not the same, Church is not the same, Our nations border is not the same, Men and woman are not the same, The family is not the same, freedom is not the same, Crime is not looked at like it used to be, Justice is not the same.

Do we want to follow a world that is always changing or do we want to follow a God who does not change. We always can know where God stands on any issue.

2. God Knows Us

- A. **Job 42:2** I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.
- B. Daniel's Prayer: **Dan 2:20 - 23** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: **21** And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: **22** He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. **23** I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.
- C. Daniel knew that even the dreams are known by God.
- D. **Rom 11:33 - 34** O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

3. God's Plan is the Best

- A. Job realized this. Daniel realized God's will was the best and nothing was hid from Him.
- B. God is looking the same attitude from us.
Job 23:10 - 12 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. **11** My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. **12** Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.
- C. He knows the way we take, there is nothing that God doesn't know.