

The Book of Job #2

I. Let Us Look at Job's Household

- A. Verses 2 and 3 describe his household and belongings
 - 1. 7 sons and 3 daughters – some see numbers as symbolic
 - a. But again from Ezekiel and James we know Job is actual person
 - b. The blessedness of his estate begins with children
 - 1. He will receive the same number of children at end
 - 2. Never given name of sons – only names of last 3 daughters
- B. Substance is given to us in regards to four kinds of animals
 - 1. 7000 sheep – Used for clothing and for food
 - 2. 3000 camels (like 7 sons and 3 daughters) used for long trips
 - 3. 500 Oxen – Beasts of burden to do the labor around house
 - 4. 500 donkeys – Used for doing labor of short trips
- C. Though not stated here – he had silver and gold – Job 31:24, 25
 - 1. Because of number of animals- also a large amount of land
- D. Though very rich- Job was also a very pious man- verse 1, 8
 - 1. Scripture makes no direct tie to wealth and godliness
 - a. Some rich men very godly- Abraham, Job, David, Solomon
 - b. Other men who were very godly not rich- Paul, apostles
 - c. Being rich does bring great temptation and need of grace
 - 1. Mk. 10:43; I Timothy 6:9, 10, 17; Matthew 19:24
- E. Though having many responsibilities – puts God first- Verse 5
- F. Do we view Job's children as being godly or ungodly?
 - 1. They were children who got along well – Psalm 133:1
 - a. Much better than Adam's, Isaac's or even David's homes
 - 2. Invited sisters to feasting – not the behavior of wicked sons
 - 3. Gathered in their own homes – Not houses of ill repute
 - 4. Verse 5 – “Might have sinned” – not a sure conclusion
 - 5. Verse 5- Obeyed father when he sent for them
- G. Not clear how often these children got together –“on their day”
 - 1. Could be every day of week or on birthday (Job 3:1- Gen. 40:20)
 - 2. If every day- then Job perhaps sacrificed on Sunday

II. Job's Actions in Regards to His Family

- A. Concerned that they might have renounced God in hearts (v. 5)
 - 1. Psalm 10:3; Same as Satan said Job would do – Job 2:5, 2:9
 - 2. This can happen in times of feasting – Prov. 30:9; Deut. 8:11, 12
- B. Job “sent and sanctified them” – Various ideas of what that means
 - 1. Could have meant that he prayed for them- Psalm 5:3
 - 2. Or brought them to place of sacrifice – or tells them to prepare for it
 - a. Genesis 35:1, 2; Ex. 19:10, 11; I Samuel 16:4,5
- C. Did this after they were done feasting- doesn't take away their joy
 - 1. But greatest concern is their spiritual well-being- 3 John 4
- D. Offers up whole burnt offerings –definite offerings –according to number
 - 1. So our Lord does – John 10:15; Acts 20:28; Matthew 1:21

Conclusion – Note transition between verse 5 and verse 8

- A. God takes note of secret actions (Matt. 6:5, 6; Acts 10:1, 2, 4)