

Last Wednesday, we considered Job's testimony before his trials and all that he lost and suffered, and then his testimony IN his trials and sufferings:

Before his trial, his testimony before God was that He was a perfect and upright man, who feared God and eschewed evil. He was also a man of prayer, praying continually for his children; what did he pray? It may be that my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.

It's safe to say that Job walked with God.

But Job had an adversary, who knew all about him, he was walking about, seeking whom he might devour and ruin, he had already laid his eyes upon Job, but he couldn't get to him. Job 1:8-12

It's notable that Satan didn't deny God's commendation of Job in his character and testimony; "Indeed you have blessed Job" saith Satan! But that's why he worships and serves you because you bless him!

But beside this, accusation, there was no apparent besetting sin that Satan could accuse Job of before God! But let me at him, saith Satan, let me take all Your blessings from him, and I will show you that Job doesn't just fear you simply because you're God!

*Job 1:11: "But put forth thine hand NOW, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."
And... withdraw your protecting hand from Job and he will curse you!*

With God's permission, Satan executed his plan to ruin Job!

You know what happened, Job lost all that he had, the most difficult was the loss of his (10) children. After the first massive wave: Job 1:20-22

We KNOW Job's testimony BEFORE his trial, NOW Job was IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS STORM! After he lost everything, including his children, he was full of grief and sorrow, BUT he didn't charge God foolishly, AND... he didn't curse God, instead, he blessed God! THAT'S NOT NORMAL!

How often do we "Charge God Foolishly" and blame God when sore trials and adversities come upon us! Job didn't blame God in the least for all of what happened, he blessed God...we see his silent patience, contentment, and submission to God's will.

When we faithlessly fall apart in trials and adversities, we reveal our impatience, discontentment, and lack of submission to God's will!

Job 2:1-10: "Again there was as day." Having failed to compel Job to curse God, Satan brought his next attack!

Job still had his health; this was Satan's attack! Skin for skin, Job will curse you to save his own life, to save his own skin. And so, Satan afflicted Job with sore boils

all over his body, and on top of that, Job's wife told him to curse God and die!

"Even in all of this, Job DID NOT sin with his lips."

Right after this, Job's (3) friends came and sat with him, and mourned for him (7) days, they didn't say a word.

Then after (7) days, Job opened his mouth and cursed his day... basically saying, "I wish I had never been born"!

Job 3:11: "Why did I not from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly."

Once Job's (3) friends began to speak, all the way to (Chapter 32), they told him that none of this would be happening to you if you hadn't sinned! You're a hypocrite, you deserve this, it's all your fault, and it's because of your sin!

This wouldn't happen to a righteous man! Eliphaz: Job 4:7-8, Bildad: Job 7:3-6, Zophar: Job 11:1-3

Now, I want you to understand that Job was NOT a sinless man. But he was also NOT what they accused him of being. He was a perfect and upright, spiritually mature in his walk with God, constantly turning from sin and to God. In the Words of God... after his first trials...

Job 2:3: "STILL, Job holds fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him WITHOUT CAUSE."

God told Satan, you failed! You've got NOTHING on my servant Job, there is no outward or apparent sin in Job's life that you can charge him with, even after I allowed you to tempt him!

STILL, he holdeth fast his integrity! Doesn't this remind you of Someone else? Whom God moved against without cause?

There is "another Man" who was falsely accused of many things by proud, self-righteous, religious men, things that were not at all true of Him, that Man was the Lord Jesus. Mark 15:1-3, Luke 23:1-5, 8-10

See here that Job is a wonderful type of Christ...as there was nothing in Job (there was no cause in him) to deserve this sore trial, this suffering in his life...so there was nothing in the Lord Jesus, THERE WAS no cause, no sin, NOTHING in either His Person or in His life that made Him worthy or deserving of such sufferings at the hands of sinful men!

But it was God's sovereign and determinate counsel, it was God's own will to move against His Son without any cause for our sakes!

John 15:25: "They hated me without a cause"; Psalm 69:4: "They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head"; Psalm 109:3: "They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause"; Psalm 119:78: "They dealt perversely with me without a cause."

As Job suffered and was condemned WITHOUT CAUSE, NOT for any sin in his life, so Christ was condemned, suffered, and died WITHOUT CAUSE... that is, NOT for any sin in Himself or in His life, BUT MY BRETHREN, Jesus suffered and died for our

sins.....that we might be justified in the sight of God,
"justified without any cause" or reason in us!

We are justified freely by God's grace, NOT for any
cause or reason in us, but because "God moved against
His only Son without any cause in Him". 2 Corinthians
5:21.

In these closing examples, understand that Job was not a
sinless man as was our Lord, but in his temptations, God
commended him as a man who was perfect and upright, one
that feared God and eschewed evil.

Satan attacked Job and lost; Satan attacked Christ and lost.

Job didn't sin after Satan's first attack against him,
Christ didn't sin after EVERY attack of Satan against Him!

The prince of this world has nothing!

Job did not sin with his lips after Satan's attacks and Christ
NEVER sinned with His lips. Never was there any guile found
in His mouth.

God moved against His only Son without any cause in Him,
to justified us in His sight without any cause in us!