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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

WHO IS HE THAT HIDETH COUNSEL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE?

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SCRIPTURE READING: **JOB 12:1-3, JOB 35:1-6, JOB 42:1-17**

Job 42:1-3, Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 2: I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3: Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. **Job** is a remarkable and marvelous book.
- b. It ranks along with **Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations.**
- c. The author of the **Book of Job** is unknown.
 1. Some have suggested that Moses is the writer; others have suggested that Ezra, Solomon, Job, or possibly Elihu wrote it.
 2. I strongly believed that Elihu may be the author based on **Job 32:16-17, When I waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) 17: I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.**
 3. From this conversation, it is assumed that Elihu is speaking.
- d. The period in which Job lived is unknown.
 1. There is a possibility that the **Book of Job** was written during the Patriarch period.
 2. There is also a possibility Job knew Jacob; there is no mention of the Mosaic Law per say, or the events recorded in the book of **Exodus**, so one can assume that the **Book of Job** was written before the Exodus.
 3. There are some key things that would point us in that direction.
 - a. The length of Job's lifespan.
 - b. The Bible says in **Job 42:16-17, After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. 17: So Job died, being old and full of days.**
 - c. We do know at the time of the Patriarchs, that people had long lifespans.
 - d. The Bible does say that Job lived in the land of Uz. **Job 1:1** states, **There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.**
 - e. We are told by some Bible scholars that Uz is a region at the south of Edom, and west of the Arabian Desert extending to Chaldea; however, the precise location is unknown.
 4. Job acted as high priest of his family. This led us to believe that since it does not mention Israel or the priesthood that evidently this took place before Israel came into existence.
 5. We know from **Genesis 36:10** that Eliphaz was a descendant from Esau. **"These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau."**
 6. This would make it seem that Job was a contemporary of Jacob.
- e. There are several problems that are raised and settled in the book of Job.
 1. Why do the righteous suffer?
 2. Job was written to rebuke the slander of Satan against mankind.
 3. Job was written to reveal Job to himself.
 4. The book of Job teaches patients. **James 5:11** tells us, **Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.**

- f. The primary purpose of the **Book of Job** could be to teach repentance.
1. Generally speaking, when men talk about repentance, we try to find the worst example of sin that we can possibly find and indicate that they need to repent.
 2. However, when the truth is known, **we all need to repent, for we all are conceived in sin, and shapen in iniquity and it doesn't make any difference how great we think we are, or how good we are; man still needs to repent. Luke 5:32, I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.** We must remember that the brazen altar was part of the tabernacle and was primarily there for the cleaning of sin. **John 15:3, Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Ephesians 5:26, That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**
 3. God picked the best He could possibly find of mankind to teach us that we all need to repent, when He picked Job.
 4. At the very end of the **Book of Job**, we find that Job speaks of repentance. **Job 42:5-6, I have heard of the by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**
 5. That should grip the hearts and lives of every believer today; we need to be mindful that God is the only one that is Holy.
 6. The best righteousness we can produce is as filthy rags before Him. **Isaiah 64:6, But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**
 7. Mankind is in no way equal to the Creator and we all need to have a repentant spirit at all times.
- g. Some have questioned whether Job actually lived.
1. The Bible is very clear that Job did in fact live.
 2. Job was a historical character in the scriptures, as we find in **Ezekiel 14:20**, and **James 5:11, Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.**
 3. We also find that the apostle Paul quoted from the book of **Job 5:13, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the forward is carried headlong. 1 Corinthians 3:19, For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.**
 4. **The Book of Job reveals a man very conscience of God, may sometimes slip in such a state where he cannot find anything wrong with himself. Job had a very high ego about his own righteousness, and he maintained it in the face of all those who were around him.**
 - a. This should teach us a very valuable lesson; **when we think we are alright with God, we need to walk in His presence; we need to reacquaint ourselves with the Preserved Word of God and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**
 - b. **Man needs to repent regardless of how close to God he thinks he is. We must remember that although we have salvation the believer still sins in the flesh. 1 John 2:16, For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.** This verse is very much alive in the life of a believer.
 - c. Man refuses to take the blame for his deficiencies, inabilities, and his blemishes.
 - d. Man finds it convenient to try to shift the blame onto someone else. We must remember this started in the Garden of Eden. **Genesis 3:12, And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.**
 - e. We will not accept the responsibilities of our own actions and Job needed to learn that.
 - f. That is the lesson that God is attempting to teach us from this great book.
 - g. Man has surrounded himself with materialism, he thinks he is ok as long as he goes through life and is able to shift the blame to someone else.
 1. We live in a very affluent society and we have gadgets on every hand, but we must be mindful that in **Job 1:21, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.**
- h. **One of these days the king of terror, which is death, will approach us.** We are either prepared to go live with God or we are prepared, as vividly stated in **Job 18:21, Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.**
- i. Job had a consciousness of the presence of God, all the way through his troubles and ordeals.

- j. He was not adrift in the sense that modern man is adrift.
- k. Job could not understand why God permitted him to go through the mill.
- l. Job did not recognize that he needed to repent until God dealt with him through Satan severely.
- m. After the ordeal was over, he was ready to stand in the presence of God. **Job 42:5-6, I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**
- n. Several themes are found in this marvelous book.
 1. Satan cannot bring financial and physical destruction upon us unless it is God's permissive will.
 2. God will set the limits.
 3. *It is beyond our human ability to understand the why's behind all the suffering in the world.*
 4. Rest assured the wicked will receive their just dues. **Psalms 37:1-2, A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2: For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.**
 5. We cannot blame all suffering on the sin in the sufferer's life. **John 9:3, Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**
 6. Suffering may sometimes be allowed in our lives to purify, to test, to teach, or to strengthen the soul by showing us that when we have lost all and only God remains, God remains enough. **2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**
 7. *God deserves and request our love and praise regardless of our lot in life.*
 8. God will deliver all suffering believers, either in this life or in the life which is to come. With that Background let's see what we can glean from God's precious Word.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the December 5, 2021 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

i. And Job answered and said.

1. **Job 12:1-3, And Job answered and said, 2: No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. 3: But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?**
2. Job tells these guys they are know-it-all.
3. They have knowledge but no wisdom.
4. **James 1:5, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**
5. The message for parents is let's not depend on the wisdom of our friends to be in the will of God and to raise our families. Let's not depend on what men say or what men have written about the Bible, let's depend on the Book. **2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**
6. In order to depend on the Book, we must be students of the Book. **2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**
7. Job tells these guys that he is not inferior to them and he understands the things they are saying, but they don't understand his condition.
8. Job comes to the conclusion later on that in his flesh dwelleth no good thing. **Romans 7:18, For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 1 Corinthians 15:10, But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me**
9. If parents would internalize the aforementioned verses and get it in their minds and hearts, I will guarantee you that our families will line up and get into the will of God. We must remember the divine order: **1. Ephesians 5:21, Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 2. Ephesians 5:25, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 3. Ephesians 5:22, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 4. Ephesians 6:1, Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.**

10. Let's look at Elihu who actually came close to speaking to Job's problem.

j. Elihu spake moreover, and said.

1. **Job 35:1-6, Elihu spake moreover, and said, 2: Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's? 3: For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin? 4: I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee. 5: Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou. 6: If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?**
2. This man comes close. He is attempting to teach Job that God is God and is high above our ways. **Isaiah 55:8, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**
3. He tries to teach Job that the reason why we don't understand the things that affects us in life, especially when we are in the valley, is because we don't understand the ways of God. **Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**
4. When we look at things from that point of view, we know that we don't instruct the Almighty but He instructs us. **Isaiah 64:8, But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.**
5. It brings to mind; **Ephesians 1:3, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 1 John 1:4, And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.** We have to depend on the Saviour in order to provide for our need.
6. **Romans 9:14, What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.** We know there is no unrighteousness with God.
7. God is righteous in all that He does.
8. The condition that Job is in is not because God was bad, but God was molding him to be conformed to the image of the Son. **Romans 8:29, For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**
9. Regardless of how upright a man attempts to be **Isaiah 59:2** is in plain view. **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**
10. **Isaiah 59:3-4, For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4: None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.**
11. We must understand that the only One who is Holy is God.
12. In order for us to be holy and walk in the Spirit one must first trust the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, after which we are to be students of the Preserved Word of God. There is no teacher like God. **John 7:46, The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.**
13. Elihu came close; however it took Jehovah to come in and provide information for Job.
14. Bottom line: Job repents which is what God wanted him to do in the first place. For him to see himself as God sees him.
15. Job finally gets the message. Elihu pointed him in the right direction but it is Job who sees clearly the message from God.
16. Believers, do you see clearly the message that God has laid before you?

k. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?

1. **Job 42:1-6, Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 2: I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3: Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4: Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5: I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**
2. Believer, have you come to the point that you are willing to allow God to be God in your life?

3. If you have come to that point you need to make sure that you are in Christ, make sure you are saved and born again. **John 3:7, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**
4. The second step is to get in God's will and stay there, stay focused and don't allow anyone to take you to the right or the left **Deuteronomy 5:32, Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.**
5. We are to stay the course. **2 Timothy 4:7, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**
6. You need to get involved in God's program in the church leading people to Christ and aiding in the strengthening of the saints.
7. **1 John 1:6-7, If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**
8. When we get that perspective on God, we are ready to lead our families to greater things.
9. **Parents, it is not the church's responsibility to lead your family to Christ; it is your responsibility.**
10. It is the church's responsibility to **strengthen** your family spiritually, but you need to bring them to church, not send them. **Hebrews 10:25, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**
11. Now we will find that these friends of Job were not speaking for God at all.

i. My wrath is kindled against thee.

1. **Job 42:7-9, And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. 8: Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. 9: So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.**
2. The Lord now speaks plainly against Job's three friends. They have not spoken for Him and what they have said is not right concerning Job.
3. God now requires them to confess and repent and Job is now to pray for his friends.

m. And the LORD turned the captivity of Job.

1. **Job 42:10-11, And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11: Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.**
2. This entire verse speaks to the fact that God restores Job.
3. Notice that the turning point was when Job prayed for his friends.
4. Believer, you and I must take a stand for Christ **regardless of what our friends and neighbors might be doing.** We need to take that stand and say that God is in charge and He is the head of my family. **Joshua 24:15, And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**
5. If you can take that stand, you will line up, rid yourself of pride, a bad attitude and rebellion, you will understand that we have no answers in this life other than what God gives us in His Preserved Word.
6. God now requires Job to be a witness to his friends.

n. So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job.

1. **Job 42:12-17, So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. 13: He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14: And he called the**

name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. **15:** And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. **16:** After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. **17:** So Job died, being old and full of days.

2. When we line up according to God's will, we will not waste our life. Remember life is a vapour. **James 4:14,** *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.* **Ephesians 5:16,** *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*
3. Believer, please do not waste precious time. God not only has a plan for you, but for your family as well.
4. Let's get into the will of God, let's realize, the conclusion of the whole matter in this life is to fear God and keep His commandments. **Ecclesiastes 12:13,** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*
5. **Psalms 127:5,** *Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*
6. Let's direct our children. Job was able to see four generations. Would to God that we were able to live long enough to see four generations; to see our children and grandchildren take their place in God's program. **Proverbs 22:6,** *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Him as your personal Saviour you need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ today.
- c. You can do none of this on your own, life is too complicated. We must accomplish God's will seeking Divine guidance from His Preserved Word.
- d. The Word of God was written by holy men of God. **2 Peter 1:21,** *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*
- e. We are not to subtract or add to it. **Deuteronomy 4:2,** *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*
- f. **Romans 3:23,** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- g. **Romans 3:10,** *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- h. **Romans 10:9-10,** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- i. **2 Peter 1:4,** *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. John 10:27-29,* *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 2 Timothy 1:12,* *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Romans 8:38-39,* *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 John 5:13,* *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*
- j.

Would you please stand?

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