

Life-Study of Job Review – Messages 31-35

God's Intention in His Appearing to Job

God's intention in appearing to Job was to **expose him**, to show him that he really was **nothing**. God's appearing also implied that **He wanted to help Job to know that he was in the wrong realm**. Job was in the primitive stage of the divine revelation. God had many things within Himself, but He could not unveil them to Job. Today, following Paul, we speak of such matters as God's economy, the divine dispensing, and the all-inclusive Spirit as the consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God.

We all need to realize that today there are two different realms—the realm of the old creation and the realm of the new creation. **We need to be transferred out of Adam into Christ**. Thank the Lord that we have His word, the completed word, in our hands!

The Completed Divine Revelation in the Entire Scriptures Concerning God's Relationship with Man

God's relationship with man in the Scriptures includes the dispensation before the law. **God created man and wanted man to take Him as life that man might express Him, be transformed into precious materials for His building, and be built up to be His counterpart to match Him**.

The second dispensation covers the period of time from the calling of Abraham to the decree of the law through Moses. Here, God **promised** Abraham that in his seed, the coming Christ, all the nations of the earth, including us, would be blessed. Eventually this promise was absolutely fulfilled.

The third dispensation is the period of time from the decree of the law through Moses to the first coming of Christ. This is the dispensation of the law. In this dispensation God promised the people of Israel that He would be incarnated through them to be their Christ, and that Christ would come to them as their everything and as the centrality and universality of God's economy for their revival and for the restoration of the universe. Finally, **God promised the people of Israel that He would covenant with them to work Himself into them to be their life, their law of life, and their everything**.

The Central Point of God's Appearing to Job

God appeared to Job in order to help him to realize that God is unlimited, unsearchable, and untraceable. To understand God's intention in His appearing to Job, we need the entire Bible, especially the New Testament. In His appearing, God seemed to be saying to Job, "...You do not know what I will give you. Job, My intention is to reduce you to nothing, yet to maintain your existence so that I may have a time to impart Myself into you. Job, I intend to give you Myself."

The Completed Divine Revelation in the Entire Scriptures Concerning Man's Need Before God

As the man **created** by God in His image, man needed to take God as his life that he might live God, express God, and represent God; and as such a one, he needed to be transformed into precious materials and to be built up as a counterpart to God. As a **fallen** man, man needed to receive Christ for his redemption that he might be justified by God in Christ. As a **redeemed** person, man needed to offer Christ as the burnt offering that he might be regarded, respected, by God. Man also needs to call on the name of Jehovah, to walk with God, to work for God that he might be delivered from the corrupted and God-condemned world, and to live before God through Christ as the burnt offering that the earth could be kept in order. As people **chosen** by God, we, the descendants of Abraham, the race chosen by God, need to receive and answer God's call. As **believers** in Christ, we need to grow in the divine life of Christ that we may be transformed into what Christ is through the life-dispensing Spirit, that we may be built up with the saints to be the Body of Christ. (Life-Study of Job – Messages 31-35).