

Life-Study of Job Review – Messages 1-25

Introduction

Burden:

- (1) God deals with His saints for the purpose that they may gain Him as life.
- (2) God strips His seekers of their possessions so that they may inherit Him in full.
- (3) God works out for His overcomers through affliction an eternal weight of glory.
- (4) God is bringing His lovers into Himself as glory through all things and will glorify them with Himself.

Subject: The purpose of God's dealing with His holy one.

The Trials of Job

Job, a perfect and upright man, feared God positively and turned away from evil negatively. Ethically, Job was very good, however, God knew that Job has a need for **Job was short of God**. In His wisdom and sovereignty, God did not execute His judgment over Satan. Without Satan, there would have been no one to do the ugly work of damaging Job in order to **strip him** of everything **that he might be full of God**.

God's intention with Job was to consume this "perfect and upright" person and to strip his attainments, his achievements, in the highest standard of ethics in perfection and uprightness. It was also to tear down the natural Job in his perfection and uprightness that He might build up a renewed Job in God's nature and attributes. **God's intention was not to have a Job in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil but a Job in the line of the tree of life**. Eventually, God's intention was to make Job a man of God, filled with Christ, the embodiment of God, to be the fullness of God for the expression of God in Christ, not a man of the high standard of ethics in Job's natural perfection, natural uprightness, and natural integrity, which Job attempted to maintain and hold.

The Debates Between Job and His Three Friends

Job, like his friends, was halted in the knowledge of right and wrong, not knowing God's economy, not realizing in an adequate way the purpose of God's creating of man. He and his friends were devoid of the divine revelation and of the experience of the divine life. God's intention was to strip all the human virtues which he had as his contentment, that he could seek and gain only God Himself. **Job and his three friends were in the realm of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. God was trying to rescue them from that realm and put them into the realm of the tree of life.

God's Intention in His Creation of Man and in His Dealing with His Chosen People

The New Testament unveils to us that God's intention in His creation of the universe and of billions of items including man is to work Himself into man. Through death and resurrection, He was consummated to be "the Spirit". **Today in our Christian life we Christians should just deal with this Spirit**. Our unique need as Christians is the processed and consummated Triune God as the all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit. Our central need is the consummated Triune God as the Spirit with His rich supply. This Spirit is now in us and is one with us in life, in nature, and in essence, and we are one with Him.

Eventually, the consummated Triune God and the glorified tripartite man will be married and become one in life, in nature, in element, and in essence. This will be a corporate entity—the New Jerusalem as the aggregate of the mingling of divinity and humanity to express the Triune God for eternity.

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