

I. Admit - Job 42:1-6

1. These verses are the climax to the conversation between God and Job
 - God had put him in his place
 - God is sovereign
 - Rea -if we forget that God is totally Lord, how does that affect all our doctrine, thoughts about God, and how we relate to Him?
 - Rea -conversely if we have a wrong conception of the Free-will of man and the sovereignty of God, doesn't that also affect everything?
 2. I know you are God (**verses 1-2**)
 - your will may not be thwarted
 - Rea -remember that God has "chosen" to give us free will, from the beginning - God Himself put the tree in the garden
 3. Job admits that he had spoken too soon to God (**verse 3**)
 - truth is, Job cannot (ultimately) thwart the plans of God
 - Rea -God has, however, allowed us to say no to Him - its called "sin"
 4. Job admits that he does not know everything
 - Rea -if only we could see things from God's point of view
 5. God turned the tables - listen and I will speak (**verse 4**)
 - counter-questioning
 - we cannot presume to understanding why God does what He does
 - Rea -those of us who study the Bible often, sometimes think we know just why God does what he does. If you can't understand your own wife, how can you understand the depths of God?
 6. He admits he was operating from second-hand knowledge of God - now he sees (**verse 5**)
 - Rea -knowing about God is different from knowing God. Knowing facts about a person does not mean you know the person.
 - Rea -discuss personal knowledge vs knowledge you get from, say, history
 - Rea -discuss how knowledge of science is different from knowing "persons"
 7. What did he repent of in **verse 6**?
 - chapter 3 shows us that he became bitter toward God in the process
 - Rea -well, he did talk back to God... is that sin?
 - Rea -God brings Job to repentance, but I think this is a gentle conviction - don't you?
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Struggles cause us to say things, and think things that are incorrect
 2. The very fact that God spoke to him, shows the mercy and condescension of God*
 3. God is not intimidated by your questions - even when we're totally wrong

II. Repent - Job 42:7-9

1. God turns to Eliphaz (**verse 7**)
 - "I am angry at you and your friends"
 - Job had repented but these friends had not
2. God takes Job's part at verse 7
3. Job serves as an intercessor for his friends (**verse 8**)

- A. Seven bulls and seven rams
 - complete numbers - a complete sacrifice for sins committed
- B. They are to seek forgiveness
 - from God
 - from Job
- C. God is gentle even with these “friends”

4. Specific

- specific sins
- specific people
- specific commands

Rea -God has a “way” to forgive - just like the “way” of Jesus in the New Testament

- 5. The friends were “helping” but were misguided
 - we are to first “weep” with those who weep
 - to suffer with instead of be “preachy” is the right approach to help our friends
- 6. Job is to intercede for his friends - this is mercy and grace from God

Rea -but through Job

- 7. The friends follow God’s “way” and God accepted Job’s prayer (**verse 9**)
 - he prefigures a greater intercessor - Jesus
 - Jesus prayed for our forgiveness from the cross
- 8. Just like Job - Jesus is the innocent that suffered
- 9. Suffering is no respecter of persons

-we get the idea that if we will just “do right” that God will enable us to never suffer

Rea -that is a works salvation argued backward

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

- 1. Do you think it was hard for Job to pray for his friends?
- 2. God healed the relationship with Job’s friends at the same time
 - He vindicated the innocent (Job)
 - and offered forgiveness to the friends
- 3. To offer grace we often (wrongly) feel that the recipients have to be “worthy” -

discuss

III. Restored - Job 42:10-11

- 1. God restores it all (**verse 10**)
 - his fortunes

- 2. Job is not told why he suffers

Rea -God does not have to explain Himself - even though we think He does - He is God

- 3. His possessions are doubled and his life is restored
- 4. His family comes and comforts him (**verse 11**)
- 5. In the future life God restores in ways that He does not always do in this life

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

- 1. Family unity at the end
- 2. They comforted him - quite a different scenario than the “help” of his friends
- 3. Silver and gold are here one minute and gone the next
 - they are gone one minute and back the next

-such are material things

4. What lingering questions do you have about the story of Job?
5. Discuss the comfort and/or encouragement you receive from the very old Old Testament book

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