

## **JOB 42:7-10 -- THE BLESSEDNESS OF RIGHTLY REPRESENTING THE LORD AND OF OFFERING PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS!**

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***Job 42:8*** Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, **go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."**

***Job 42:9*** So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; **for the LORD had accepted Job.**

***Job 42:10*** And the LORD restored Job's losses **when he prayed for his friends.** Indeed **the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.**

**The Biblical Setting:** - Because of the situation between God and Satan, Job has been severely tested. He lost all his possessions including his seven sons and three daughters. He had been covered with boils resulting in so much pain that Job scraped his skin with potsherds of clay. Three of his friends has come to "comfort" him, but Job referred to them as "miserable comforters" because of their behavior and their comments that Job was suffering because of his great sin,! A fourth, younger, friend, Elihu, came on the scene last and corrected Job in his questioning God and really blaming God for His unfairness in persecuting Job. Job, you are **not suffering because of sin, but to be kept from sin.** (A thorn in the flesh to bludgeon Paul against becoming prideful - 2 Cor. 12:2-10). We're not to pray, "Lord, remove the pain, but Lord, **convert the pain, to keep me from sin**"!

We then have the summary of God actually questioning Job in asking him many questions (77) demonstrating to Job that God and only God, not man, could answer.

Then in Chapter 42, we have the amazing conclusion.

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- Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, charging Job falsely, and condemning him; provoked the Lord, and caused His wrath to be kindled like fire against them. In short, **they have misrepresented God.** In their zeal to defend God's providence they were unfair in their argument. **God will have honest defenders or none.** (Remember Moses in striking the rock to the second time – Num. 20:8)
- They **spoke too much.** They came to the wrongful conclusion that because Job was such a wretched sinner that his sin brought forth God's punishment and Job's terrible suffering. They indeed were "miserable comforters"
- **What kind of a comforter are you? Am I? Do we misrepresent God?**
- **Job is commended by God in his representation of God.**

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- Our **merciful God is prescribing a sacrifice** for the three friends.
- **Job is to pray** for them.
- **Forgiveness and reconciliation is the result**, as opposed to God's dealing with them for their folly.

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- Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar are then **obedient to the Lord's command**.
- The **Lord's acceptance of Job** – “his release from captivity of suffering” - is **confirmed!**

**Job 42:10** *And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*

- **When Job prayed his prayer of forgiveness for the three, the LORD restored his losses!**
- In fact, **he was blessed with twice as much** as he had before!
- If the LORD accepted Job and his friends for His sake, **how much more does He accept the Lord Jesus Christ who offered Himself a sacrifice for sin!**
- **How safe we, His poor offending friends, are in Him!**

## **SUMMARY:**

- **When you are suffering, do you tend to sin? Have you experienced that suffering actually keeps you from sin?**
- **When we see others suffering, what kind of a comforter am I, are you?**
- **Do I really represent God correctly?**
- **Am I quick to pray and do I often pray with a forgiving spirit for those who come against me?**
- **Do I really understand that the blood of the LAMB cleanses us from all sin and continues to give us that sin cleansing power every day?**

## **How Great Thou Art Hymn – Elvis Presley**

*Oh Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder/ Consider all the worlds Thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,/ Thy power throughout the universe displayed;*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation/ And take me home- what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration/ And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!*

*Refrain*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,/How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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