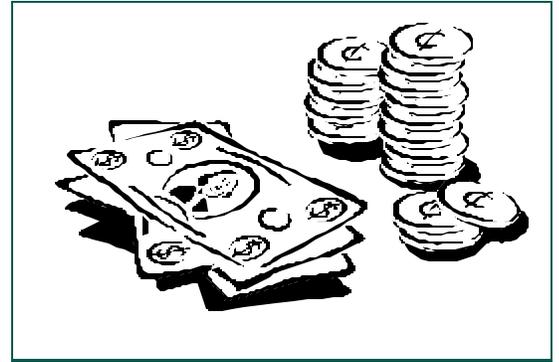


Job

Job 1-2:1-10; 19:25-27; 38:1-3; 40:1-5; 42:1-6, 10-17

Would you be able to turn down that money so that you could hear God's Word?

You may have to make that choice as you get older and decide what you should do - go to church or work at a job. With God's help you will make a good decision. God gave a very rich man named Job the faith to love Him more than wealth.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Please be with me today and through my life as I study Your Holy Word. Strengthen my faith so that I will be like Job and conquer every temptation of Satan with the Holy Spirit's help. Be with me today in class to listen and learn from my teacher. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Story

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job. He was a believer in the Triune God. Job was very wealthy because he was blessed by the Lord. He had ten children; seven of them were boys and three of them were girls. Job owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 donkeys, and he had many servants.

Often Job's sons would give great parties to which they would invite all of their brothers and sisters. After each party, Job would offer up offerings to the LORD to pray for each of his children.

Job was a child of the LORD and the LORD used Job as an example to the fallen angel, Satan. Satan had noticed the

faithful servant, Job, but he dared to ask God, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

He ventured to say that Job was faithful to the LORD only because the LORD had richly blessed Job with earthly treasures and possessions. Satan challenged God to take away the earthly "things," concluding that Job would curse God.

The Lord then said to Satan, "Behold all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person."

Satan left the presence of the LORD and during one of the parties held by Job's children, he began to destroy Job's possessions. The first news came by a servant of Job who witnessed that the



Sabeans raided Job's oxen and donkeys. They killed the servants tending the animals and took every beast back to their country.

While that servant was reporting the first loss, another servant came to Job with news that a fire from heaven had come down and burned up all of Job's sheep and also the shepherds guarding the flock.

It was while that report was given that still another servant came to Job with the news that three bands of Chaldeans had raided the grazing camel herd and driven them off. They killed all of the servants except the one who had fled to Job to report the loss.

Again, a fourth servant came to Job's door to announce that a great wind had destroyed the tents in which his children were feasting. All of his sons and daughters lay dead.

All of this news came to Job within a very short time. He heard it, stood up, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

In all this, Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Another day came when Satan presented himself before the LORD. Again, the LORD brought Satan's attention to faithful Job. Satan quickly responded that a man could stay faithful to God even if all his possessions were stripped from him, but if you would harm his own body then the faithful servant would curse his Lord and Master.

The LORD responded by permitting Satan to deal with Job as he wished, but the LORD would not permit Satan to end Job's life.

Satan went out and immediately struck Job with painful boils. The sores covered Job from head to foot, and Job was miserable. He sat down in a bed of ashes and used a broken piece of pottery to scratch his sores. Job's wife came and suggested that he curse God and die, but Job responded by saying, "Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?"

So Job's reaction to what happened was remarkably patient. He even made the beautiful confession, "I know that my Redeemer lives." There were times, however, when he lost his patience. His suffering became so great that he cursed the day he was born. Three of Job's friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, came to visit him. They suggested that Job's suffering was due to a sin he had committed. They advised him to repent. Finally, the LORD came and spoke with Job. He declared His power and wisdom. Job listened to the Lord and repented.

In the final verses of the story, the LORD restored twice as many camels, oxen, sheep, and donkeys to Job. Job and his wife had seven more sons and three more daughters. The daughters were more beautiful than any others in the land. Job was given a long life to enjoy all his family and possessions.

Outer Aim - God allowed Satan to take earthly possessions away from Job.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following from the story, unscramble the answer and write the answer in the boxes. Then use the numbers to make a confession of Job.

1. The land where the lesson takes place.

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3. Animals of the desert with humps.

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4. People who work for another.

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5. The faithful man in this lesson.

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6. Animals which bray.

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7. Another name for the devil.

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8. These people took Job's oxen and donkeys.

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9. These covered Job's body.

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10. One of Job's friends.

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11. Another of Job's friends.

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12. Another of Job's friends.

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What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following.

1. Give examples showing how Job was rich in an earthly, or material, way.
2. How was Job rich in a spiritual way?
3. Read Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. " List some "treasures on earth" and some "treasures in heaven".
4. Why are spiritual gifts more important to us?

Passages

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 12:12 - rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer

James 1:2 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

Inner Aim - Material wealth is "here today, gone tomorrow," but spiritual wealth lasts forever.

Hymn - TLH #200 v. 1, 2, 5-8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead
He lives my ever living Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence give,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Please give me patience to accept all of the troubles, trials and tribulations that You allow to come my way. Give me strength through Your powerful Word to stand firm in my confidence and trust in You and Your Son, my Savior, Jesus. Help me to always remember that You permit these troubles to come to us Christians out of Your love for us, and that You will use them for our eternal good. Lead me to acknowledge my sins which so often bring troubles upon me. Wash me daily with Jesus' blood. Help me focus my heart upon the perfect peace and joy of the heavenly home You have promised us through Jesus. I ask this in my Savior's name. Amen.