

for nothing. People carry this into their Christian experience. Salvation seems to be cheap -- low price. There must be a renunciation of the forces that pull down.

Christian discipleship must meet the standards set up by Christ instead of any that man may set up. There is cost in following Jesus. The Will must be yielded to him. Life must be made anew by Him. Luke 14:13.

There is no cheap kind of experience. It demands our all. To be sure, if Christ has your all, you will be a blessing to all those around you.

Eliphaz was not this kind of man, but nevertheless, he does his best to volunteer comfort.

First He Commands Job. - Verse 3 (Know his past life.)

You have helped other people and instructed others. Your children, neighbors, friends. He encouraged many. He had used his witness to help others. Praised him for the good he had done.

Instructed/

Strengthened = Hands for Service

Steadiness = Knees bear up

Why Did He Praise Job?

1. Might give a good contrast of his present condition.

ELIPHAZ SPEAKS

Job 4

Cursed Day Of Birth - Never heard one curse day of second birth.

First speech of Eliphaz -- Battle of words between Job and friends.

Verse 1 - First of the 3 in age and experience. His tone is friendly, modest, but pours vinegar rather than oil on Job's wounds.

See him maintain that no innocent person is ever left to perish.

He comes as a pious, wise man of the east.

Verse 2 - "If we assay" - begins in gentle - courtesy - tender.

He will not promise much, but he begs have to attempt or try to purpose something for Job's case.

In other words he said, I would like to offer advice to you Job during this time of intense suffering.

Certainly there's nothing wrong in one offering advice to one in a time of trial.

Now: If you hunt for advice in time of trial, be sure it is someone in fellowship with the Lord -- one who knows

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the Lord. One qualified spiritually. Mere human wisdom may be consoling to a degree but will have no worth while effect.

Man or woman who helps most in time of need is one who has a prayer life. They can give lasting words of wisdom. God's wisdom. People who live in constant contact and fellowship with Him.

James 1:5 -- "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

Few of us seem to use this mighty privilege -- prayer. We would be less disturbed and fearful if we would pray more. Even when we do pray we are not in dead earnest. "The fervent" coming from the heart of a man or woman right with God. "Availeth much" -- James then tells about Elijah who prayed and it rained not for 3 years and 6 months. The experience and power of Elijah is for you and me as well.

George Mueller: Great intercessor prayed for a group of five friends. After 5 years one of them came to Christ. In 10 years 2 more found peace in the same Saviour. 25 years and the fourth man was saved. The fifth man he prayed until the time of his death and this friend, too came to Christ a few months afterwards. Mr. Mueller had prayed almost 52 years for this last friend.

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We have not touched the hem in prayer. Satan robs us of precious time in the presence of God. He will do anything to keep you busy. Call on God many times during the day.

Note: Job's comforters were of little help to God's servant because their own experience with the Lord was so shallow. They had little fear of God and their hearts were cold.

It is the man who is living in vital fellowship with the Lord who can best help struggling and needy humanity.

One with a cold heart, even though he professes to be a follower of God, is helpless in trying to warm the heart of another.

So many in our churches today possess cold hearts. Some of them were being used of God at one time, but they have drifted, neglected to spend necessary time with the Lord. They have permitted themselves to become cluttered with things of little value. God says to you "I know thy works -- thou art luke warm".

Let me ask you is your heart burning for God? Unless it is you will be of little use to God or to your fellow man. Unless you are in close fellowship with God you are wasting your time doing spiritual work for others.

We are living in an age when everybody wants something

your holiness with angels. How little they are, He charges them with folly.

V₁₉ Verse 19 - House of Clay - The angels fall.

1. Body - House of clay.

Angels are free. Man is housed in a body - cage - earth vessel. Sun dried clay bricks - common in East.

2. Body - End in Dust.

Foundation - return to dust - natural - humble origin. "Dust to Dust".

3. Body - Easy to Destroy.

Crushed as easily as a moth. Frail - angels are immortal but your body dissolve into dust.

V₂₀ Verse 20 - 4. Body - On the way to death.

Every moment open to accident, disease. Between morning and evening. Men are dying one short day - makes an end of you.

5. Body - Never return to this visible world.

"Perish forever" - only one life - water spilt on ground cannot be gathered up.

V₂₁ Verse 21 - 6. Body - stripped of excellence.

Tabernacle - cords cut, falls down. Image marred - dignity, beauty, power,

2. As a reason why Job ought to expect to be himself comforted.

3. May have spoke it in way of pity.

4. May have spoke it to aggravate his present condition.

You have taught others, why not teach yourself.

V₁₅ Second He Condemns Him - Verse 5

Low Spiritedness.

1. Makes light of Job's affliction. - "Touches Thee"

word used by Satan 1:11, 2:5. If Eliphaz had 1/2

Job's affliction: "It smites me -- wounds me!"

He makes it a trifle.

2. Faintest -- makes much of Job's resentments.

V₆ 3. Religion a sham. Verse 6.

Your fear of God your confidence.

Your Good Works - your hope!

Mere pretence -- this was the very thing Satan was

trying to prove - aim - Job a hypocrite!

Peter walked on water -- faith. Begin to sink --

hypocrite. Job walked in integrity -- hope.

Uncharitable censure of a brother. The only reason you are religious is that you might grow rich. You thought that would be your protection.

v.7 4. A Test of Memory - Verse 7.

There is no prospect of deliverance -- all hope is gone. Good men were never ruined like this.

"Remember" - recollect -- all you have seen, heard, read -- give me one illustration of how a righteous, innocent man has perished like you! Give me an example! Can Job be an innocent person? No such person ever perished. No good man ever ruined this way.

v.8 Wicked Men perish this way! Verse 8 (Illustrates)

Verse 8 - Sinners - Plough iniquity.

Practice wrong, careful about it, industriously so.

One sin follows another. Consequence -- Reap.

Ex. - Persecutors of the church. Rev. 16:6.

Adonibezek - Judges 1:7.

Egyptians who drown Israel's infants in the Nile are themselves drowned in the Red Sea.

Two Figures:

v.9 Verse 9 - Fiery Wind - Breath - Wrath - Speaks and done. Judgement.

v.10-11 Verse 10 - 11 - Lion = oppression has arrived.

Described as lion -- roaring -- roaring stopped.

Becomes powerless -- teeth removed - whelps/scattered

abroad. v.11

Reflects on Job, greatest man of East, Got his estate by spoil, used his power to oppress his neighbors, but now his power is gone, His family scattered!

v.12 Third - He concludes with a vision. Verse 12.

Hopes to get Job's attention. I got this directly from God. A Divine Revelation.

Note - this is to gain authority.

Secretly - sweet communion with God.

Whisper - heard just a little of it. (Little or part of truth dangerous.)

v.13 Verse 13 - Night - time - others asleep -- God visited.

v.14 Verse 14 - Bed Shook - Shook his bones.

v.15 Verse 15 - Spirit Passed - Halloween.

Hair Stood Up - People in grave yard at night.

(My conscience awakened and informed.)

v.16 Verse 16 - Silence - Followed Voice. (Communication)

v.17 Verse 17 - Shall mortal man be more just -- pure -- than God? God as righteous when:

1. Afflicts a good man.
2. Punishes an evil man.

v.18 Verse 18 - Folly of man - To bring Job down. Even Angels not trustworthy. Some fell. Compare

116 Verse 16 - Poor have hope.

Sixth Place for Repentance.

117 Verse 17 - Divine Correction.

"Chastening" - comes from Father.

Duty to submit - be not adverse to it. Need the rod. Don't think ill of it. Do not disregard it.

118 Verse 18 - "I wound and I heal".

119 Verse 19 - Promises - Precious.

After six troubles may come another -- a seventh. Fullness -- Furnace was heated 7 times more than usual.

120 Verse 20 - (1) From Famine - Failure of Crops.

(2) From War - Calamity.

121 Verse 21 - (3) From Tongue - Malicious Scourge - False Accusation.

(4) From Invasion - Foreign Enemies.

122 Verse 22 - (5) From Dearth - Lack of proper nutrition. Scarcity of proper food.

(6) From wild beast - invading force, men as cruel as beast.

123 Verse 23 - (7) From inanimate creation - stones - become your allies. Nothing hurt - Like Daniel

gone. Endowments of mind. Wisdom

- Little knowledge - so small - like gathering pebbles on sea shore.

Fourth Application of the Vision Chapter 5.

5:1 Verse 1 - Is there any that suffer like you suffer -- produce them. What saint will you turn to? Not even holy angel be advocate for a bad cause.

Two Things.

1/2 Verse 2 - (1) Folly of Fretting against God. Complain against God foolish.

Folly brings own destruction. "Envy" -- rottenness of the bones. Robs man of peace. Fretting is a threat to a person's health.

1/3 Verse 3 - (2) Prosperous Wicked.

Parallel Job's case with wicked. Had prospered for a time. Root, a worldly man had taken root in the earthly things. I've seen them taking root.

1/4 Verse 4 - Children of ungodly participate in their fall.

Children from safety -- crushed by judgment of God. Gate was place of judgment - public proceedings.

v.5 Verse 5 - Estate plundered.

✓ Robbers -- sabeans, Chaldeans.

✓ "Thorns" -- Break through wall of thorns, or stones, hedge.

v.6 Verse 6 - Affliction.

Does not come from soil, stars, climate, but from self. If man is bad don't blame it on soil, etc. Appointment of God for sin. Origin -- not from dust.

v.7 Verse 7 - Man Born in trouble.

Transgressions are the sparks that fly out of the furnace of original corruption.

Fifth, Counsel For the Affliction. - 8-16.

v.8 Verse 8 - Reproof for not seeking God. (I know I would have but.....) Easy to say. "Commit" - spread before, leave it, lay at his feet, no fear.

v.9 Verse 9 - Why this is good idea - attributes of God.

(1) His almightiness - Sovereign.

Unsearchable.

v.10 Verse 10 - (2) His Goodness.

Rain - seasons - harvest.

v.12 Verse 12 - (3) His Wisdom.

Frustrates counsels of the proud.

Over-rules men who think they are absolute. Crafty -- like serpent -- subtle. They think themselves wise, but at the end, will be fools. They are restless and unwearied in their designs, high in their hopes, deep in their politics and confederacies.

God will blast the plots of his peoples enemies, ahithophel, Sanballat, and Haman, Jeyebell, Amalek. The hands stretched out against the church will not prosper.

v.13 Verse 13 - Design of those to ruin the church has often turned to their own ruin. Haman was hanged on his own gallows. I Cor. 3:19. Quoted by Paul. Best laid schemes are often suddenly overturned and collapse like a home of cards.

v.14 Verse 14 - Perplexed at those things that seem easy. Run themselves into darkness.

v.15 Verse 15 - (4) His Compassion.

Delivers oppressed -- poor - Israel from

in Lions Den.

Promises Blessings.

v. 24 Verse 24 - Tent of Peace - count, survey your flock all are present.

Domestic peace -- thy habitation peaceful.

Harmony. Family at peace - precious.

v. 25 Verse 25 - Seed Multiplied - Large family great blessing in East. Eliphaz says flourish like grass.

v. 26 Verse 26 - Ripe Old Age - and peaceful burial.
Not left to beast to devour.

v. 27 Verse 27 - Affirmation of these promises.

(1) This is truth. Full conviction. Personal

conviction is not all ways evidence of truth. We have searched.

By tradition of men we trust it. By personal experience we trust it.

Truth is a treasure worth digging for.

For thy good - examine it, ponder,

receive. Aim of Eliphaz is Job's repentance. Be founded on the false view that

his suffering was result of sin.

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A Young English Minister - walk - limestone gorge - 2 1/2 miles long. Storm clouds gathering - dark. Rain -- torrents.

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Shelter in the cleft of a great limestone rock. Stood --
 shelter and watched rain -- thunder roared -- lightning
 flash - pencil and paper wrote words "Rock of ages, cleft
 for me, let me hide my self in thee". Augustus Toplady
 wrote great hymn of faith, hope, love -- Christ as a
 shelter.

Read the verses hymn

Lord wants you to enter fresh experience -- heavy burden.

St. Lawrence River -- passengers of vessel alarmed --
 fog -- mate said "Don't be afraid, Captain is high above
 the fog and can see where he is going."

God is in control of the situation -- not limited.

Trouble may be a comma instead of a period.

God is good.

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