

THE BOOK OF JOB
Backward Thinking - Part 2
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As we make our way through the Book of Job we can feel the pain and agony he faced as his comforters became even more aggressive in what they believed was true and pounced on him with their harsh words and conclusions. Chapter 8 moves us from Eliphaz the Temanite to Bildad the Shuhite. **HOPEFULLY THIS SERMON WILL SPEAK TO ALL OF US ABOUT RETRAINING OUR TONGUE AND ESPECIALLY WHEN WE BELIEVE WE ARE RIGHT.**

Proper conclusions take time to evolve. Truth often is hidden in the details of life. It takes a great deal of caution today to NOT be deceived by those who cleverly twist words and meanings. **Most of the new phrases** I hear from the mouths of **deceptive experts** don't even come close to meaning what they are projecting. **Freedom in Christ has lost its meaning.**

III. BACKWARD RECOMPENSE (Job 8:11-19)

******* I heard a video this week from Dr David Jeremiah titled “**Left Everyone Speechless.**” In a portion of this message he tells the story of going to a restaurant in Jerusalem named “**The American Colony Hotel.**” He discovered it was owned by the family of the man who wrote “**It is Well With My Soul**” by a brochure that was on their table. Horatio and Anna Spafford counted the world-famous evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, among their friends. They were blest with five children and considerable wealth. Horatio was a lawyer and owned a great deal of property in his home city. Their only son Horatio Jr. died of Scarlet Fever at the age of four.

The story behind the song was about Anna Spafford and her four daughters who faced a tragedy as they were making their way to England. On 22nd November 1873, while crossing the Atlantic on the steamship, Ville du Havre, their vessel was struck by an iron sailing ship. Two hundred and twenty-six people lost their lives, as the **Ville du Havre** sank within only twelve minutes. Only the mother Anna survived. She was found unconscious holding on a floating plank of wood. After arriving at Cardiff, South Wales she sent a telegram to her husband that read “**Saved Alone.**”

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III. BACKWARD RECOMPENSE (Job 8:11-19) (Contd.)

He wanted to be with her so he also got on a ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean to console her. As the ship neared the place of the disaster, the captain told him that it was roughly the place where the ship carrying his daughters went down. Horatio Spafford had some stationary from a hotel and it was there that he began writing the words to that famous hymn.

You've probably never heard of the rest of the story. Horatio was also a pastor in Chicago, Illinois. When the board of elders heard about the disaster, they called a meeting to ask him to leave. They concluded that for him to suffer such a great tragedy that he must have done something terrible that they didn't know about. They fired him because of what they believed was a **Backward Recompense.**

The Spaffords decided they no longer wanted to minister in the USA at the Presbyterian Church and they moved to Jerusalem to begin an orphanage. At one time they had more than 30,000 children in that orphanage. **One of their remnants today is the American Colony Hotel.** At Dr. Jeremiah's first visit the proprietor of the hotel noticed his interest in the brochure and asked if he wanted to meet the Stafford's great granddaughter. So he told David that she would be there the next afternoon. It was a good way to have a repeat visit, gain customer service and place joy into the heart of another pastor who let him know it was his favourite song.

She was 103 years old - the oldest great granddaughter the Jeremiahs had ever met. They knew the story of the tragedy but they never knew how the church had mistreated them. **Those church leaders had the same understanding as Job's friends had approximately four thousand years ago.** ***

"Can papyrus grow tall where there is no marsh?

Can reeds thrive without water?

12. While still growing and uncut,

they wither more quickly than grass.

13. Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the hope of the godless.

14. What they trust in is fragile what they rely on is a spider's web.

15. They lean on the web, but it gives way; they cling to it, but it does not hold."

Job 8:11-15

III. BACKWARD RECOMPENSE (Job 8:11-19) (Contd.)

Backward thinkers believe we get what we deserve. **These words were NOT APPLICABLE to a man like Job who lived a life that was upright and blameless before God. These words are true and noteworthy ONLY for those who live an ungodly life.**

Even then we see many evil people who prosper in the abundances of life's blessings. They don't seem to get sick; they are wealthy; they seem to have many friends; their books receive high awards; they have special rooms filled with their trophies. So it's not wise to judge things by what we see with our limited eyesight and what we feel with our troubled heart during difficult times.

*"They are like a well-watered plant in the sunshine, spreading its shoots over the garden;
17. it entwines its roots around a pile of rocks and looks for a place among the stones.
18. But when it is torn from its spot, that place disowns it and says, 'I never saw you.'
19. Surely its life withers away, and from the soil other plants grow."*

Job 8:16-19

Bildad was a Backward Thinker. These kinds are raising their ugly heads and spewing forth their condemnation again in these last days. Their tongues speak forth lies. Their minds develop evil schemes. They will not overcome on the day of judgement as they face the ONE and ONLY Righteous Judge if they don't repent. We need to focus upon our Future! Our rearview mirrors are small because they are not design to focus upon when we drive forward.

"Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm establishes His rule. His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him."

Isaiah 62:11

"Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the ends of the earth, "Say to Daughter Zion: See, your Savior comes! Look, His reward is with Him, and His recompense goes before Him."

Jeremiah 17:10

Governments are giving away our hard earned tax money to recompense those who many times don't deserve it. They stand up with their hands out and **"kill, steal and destroy"** like their satanic leader if they don't get their way. If it doesn't make sense, we can almost count on it being brought into legislation to impose it upon those that stand against its foolishness.

IV. BACKWARD REWARD (Job 8:20-22)

*“Surely God does not reject one who is blameless
or strengthen the hands of evildoers.*

*21. He will **yet** fill your mouth with laughter and
your lips with shouts of joy.*

*22. Your enemies will be clothed in shame, and the
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God doesn't remunerate or pay us back with sickness and pain for the things we do that are righteous. WE reap what WE sow. The Wages of Sin is Death. It is the devil that attacks in that manner against God-fearing people. **Jesus was rejected as One who Was Blameless. The Bildads of our generation need to place the blame where it is deserved.**

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Francis I. Anderson

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Why should we expect a reward greater than our LORD and Saviour was given? **The most important rewards have not been handed out yet.** They will be clearly identifiable on the other side of this temporal life. There will be no comparison!

*When my lifework is ended, and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to welcome me.*

Refrain:

*I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
And redeemed by His side I shall stand,
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.*

Frances Crosby

IV. BACKWARD REWARD (Job 8:20-22) (Contd.)

*** There was a man named Bill, who was deeply wronged by a business partner. His partner betrayed his trust and defrauded him out of a great deal of money, eventually pushing him out of their business partnership. The man who was the victim was devastated. His life was ruined. He had to start over in business from nothing.

“I will never get over my hurt and my anger at what Tom did to me,” Bill said, *“but I am going to try to forgive him, and not get revenge, because I think that’s what God wants me to do.”*

He truly worked hard to forgive Tom for the wrong that he had done to him. Some years later, after Tom eventually had lost the business and all the money that he had accumulated because of his bad business decisions and shady dealings. Tom was now destitute, living alone in a one-room apartment. Bill heard that Tom was at the end of his rope. Bill swallowed his pride and went to visit Tom.

Tom cheerfully received him and said to him, *“Bill, I am so ashamed of what I did to you. I know I can’t make it right, but I hope you get some comfort in knowing that you chose the better way. You have a happy marriage, grateful children, and your own self-respect. I’ve got nothing. Here at the end, God has blessed you, whereas my own foolishness and folly have cursed me.”****

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