

THE BOOK OF JOB
False Accusations
Text: Job 5:1-27

Key Word: Accusations

Key Thought: False Accusations Don't Reveal Truth

*** On a beautiful day in 2016 I received an emergence call that Pastor Sharon had been involved in an accident just a few blocks from our home. I arrived at the scene to see what I could do. The fire department and police were already there and following their normal protocols. My main concern was if Sharon and the two children in the car were okay. God's protection was already at work because Sharon had just mentioned a few minutes earlier to the kids to make sure their seat belts were on correctly.

Three air bags had been deployed because of a direct impact over the passenger front wheel. We were surprised to have the police officer at our door shortly after to inform us that Sharon would be charged for causing the accident. I knew by what she told me about the first driver who wised past looking down (probably at her phone) was most likely oblivious to what she had created. The driver behind her simply followed after her through the red-light while Sharon had a green turning signal.

I went back to the scene to see if there was a camera and even went to the city maintenance supervisor to get any information I could. Then I went and checked the intersection at the same time for a few days and discovered that without question that the signal lights supported Sharon story 100%. These people ran a red light and Sharon thought the second one was going to stop to let her finish her left turn onto Emma Avenue.

I was determined to stand for the truth and even the judge said she believed our story but there was no video to support it. The few witnesses were focussed upon the accident NOT the sequence of the traffic lights. So we paid the reduced fine of \$50.00 as encouraged by the kind judge and she accepted the three demerit points for two years.

In the long run we ended up with a brand-new car (two grades up) covered by our gap insurance. What did we learn? We were reminded of a simple but also a difficult lesson to accept and that was **"False Accusations Don't Reveal Truth."** ***

Job was forced to face this same type of trial somewhere between 3,500 and 4,000 years ago. Dialogue and discussion does not always reduce the agony that comes about even by well-meaning friends. Natural wisdom can often lead us to a stalemate position. That is why I am so thankful that these chapters were included in God's Holy Word.

We all have seen that the legal phrase of being **"Innocent until Proven Guilty"** is often spoken about but seldom followed. The news media loves to promote their accusations even though they are continuously proven to be wrong. Does that change their behaviour or their misguided words? Not usually! They are too busy developing their next story and attempting to bury the truth by feeding more lies to those who ears itch for this kind of deception.

I. WHAT WAS JOB ACCUSED OF (Job 5:1-7)?

II. WHAT DOES GOD RESCUE US FROM (Job 5:18-24)?

I. WHAT WAS JOB FALSELY ACCUSED OF (Job 5:1-7)?

A. Calling upon God's Deaf Ear (Job 5:1) - We must guard both our mind and emotions against regular assaults from our deceptive enemy and his cohorts. They love to place doubt into our thoughts to incorrectly guide our following actions. Don't ever worry about whether God hears and listens to the cry of His people who do what is just and right! Remember Job was . . .

"blameless and upright, he feared God and shunned evil."

Job 1:1

I agree with an old saying that goes like this **"We need to doubt our doubts and depend upon God's faithfulness."** Stand strong against the winds and waves that try to destroy you and turn your heart away from the love of God. The LORD does NOT have a deaf ear for His flock and we all know the difference between God's voice as the Chief Shepherd and the hirelings that falsely appear to devour the flock of God.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

God hears, sees and makes perfect decisions every time. There is no need to question whether He is willing and able to both hear and properly respond to our calling out for help. God does NOT have a deaf ear to hear the cry of the righteous men and women.

I. WHAT WAS JOB FALSELY ACCUSED OF (Job 5:1-7)?

B. Being Resentful, Foolish and Envious (Job 5:2,3) - Talk about a triple punch! Evil words can quickly build in an attempt to destroy the very foundations we build our life upon. Job is accused of being resentful, foolish and envious. Nothing could be further from the truth. That is why these types of accusations are so difficult to defend against.

But we must remember that no one can destroy our reputation other than we ourselves but that doesn't mean they won't try. When our enemies arise with these kinds of hurtful words, you can almost be assured that they themselves are guilty of the charges they bring toward you. We see it unfolding all the time in our wicked society. God is more than able to decipher between the wheat and the tares; the good and bad fish; the wise and the foolish virgins. Jesus told His many parables so that those who had ears would hear and that their eyes would see what the truth really was.

C. Being Crafty (Job 5:13) - Craftiness is a subtle way of accusing someone of being cunning or deceitful. It takes time to reveal the hidden manners of someone's intentions. Seven days of mourning are definitely not enough to expose a crafty heart. Hundreds of thousands of court cases still have to come to trial so the evidence of truth can be presented. It's unfortunate that our hard earned money is taken up in taxes that continue to be consumed because of evil leaders who use deviation to hide the truth and encourage them to continue in their depraved ways. They will not escape having to stand before the True and Righteous Judge of all the earth.

II. WHAT DOES GOD RESCUE US FROM (Job 5:18-24)?

A. Sickness (Job 5:18) - Does this mean we will never get sick? Of course not. It does though give increasing opportunities for God to prove to us how fearfully and wonderfully we are made. Our DNA is so complex. God created us with billions of cells that repair themselves on a second by second basis. Our blood coagulates when we get cut. Our heart changes its beat during drastic temperature changes. Our human bones repair themselves after being broken. Our brain is incredible complex. We can lift heavy objects and yet manipulate delicate objects. We hear, see, taste and touch without wondering how it all works.

B. Calamities (Job 5:19) - People and animals are rescued from collapsed buildings weeks after a horrific earthquake. People are rescued in the nick of time before their homes or vehicles are swept away by flood waters. How many times have we heard of people escaping from a consuming fire with just the clothes on their back? Stories continue to be told of people being tossed about by furious winds from tornadoes and found dangling in a tree or protected even in their vehicle that is totally destroyed.

II. WHAT DOES GOD RESCUE US FROM (Contd.)?

C. Famines (Job 5:20) - God places his servants like Joseph in positions of influence prior to devastating famines so that nations are spared the annihilation of their population. Why is it that large land acreages are barren one year and then prosperous the next? It has to be God involved!

D. War and Battles (Job 5:20) - Once again we hear of amazing stories of people rescued from death to encourage others to strive to live. I was touched by the interview this past week of the Fox News War Reporter, Benjamin Hall, who was severely injured in the Ukraine war a year ago. He told of the moment he heard his daughter's voice saying **"Daddy, you've got to get out the car."** The story is documented in his new book **"Saved" - A War Reporter's Mission to Make it Home.** He has survived not only that tragic day that took his fellow companions but also the 30 (and counting) surgeries since.

"Was it a miracle?" he asked. "I believe so. I was saved that day. It's the title of my book. I was in the middle seat of a small car — it's the death seat — somehow I came out of it, and I'm still alive. Whether it was my daughter or whether it was an angel, I don't have an answer for that."

Benjamin Hall

E. The Lash of the Tongue (Job 5:21)

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless."

James 1:26

"The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."

James 3:6

The difference between a child of God and one controlled by the devil and his fallen angels are that they are concerned and try to be cautious with what they say.

F. Fear of Wild Animals (Job 5:22b) - God was with Daniel when he was thrown into a den of lions. The young shepherd David faced both a lion and a bear with his bear hands. The apostle Paul shook of a venomous snake back into the fire with no ill effects.

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Go ahead and heat the furnace seven times hotter! The fire didn't have any effect upon Daniel's friend's hair at the same time it burnt the cords that bound them. God knows how to bring an earthquake like the one at Philippi to open prison doors and set the captive worshippers free. They can kill our bodies with stones like those thrown at Stephen but they couldn't destroy his eternal soul. Evil men crucified our Lord but they couldn't seal Him in a tomb with a large stone and even by placing Roman guards at its entrance. His temporal temple rose eternally in three days to bring everlasting life to those who continue to call upon the Lord and are saved.

G. Death Itself (Job 5:22a,24)

*"You will know that **your tent is secure;**"*

Job 5:24

In spite of the fact that he faced a massive amount of problems that would leave most people with no hope for tomorrow, his life was spared (cf. Job 2:6). A person's tent or tabernacle was another way of expressing our physical body where our spirit and soul abides. I've been at more **death beds** than I have wanted to be in my life. Yet I've seen more people "**holding on for dear life**" than those who wish to end it all even though they had assurance of everlasting life.

Job came to the door of death with increasing pain and agony and still would NOT curse God and die (Job 2:9). He knew that life had its share of trouble (Job 2:10). He could even agree with Eliphaz's statement that . . .

"Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward."

Job 5:7

But let's face it - trouble and death are two totally different things. We don't have to accept death before its time. I believe that you would agree with me that the Eliphaz type of counsellors and comforters of our day will also have to eat their words that they have spewed against us. That is why my key thought has been that "**False Accusations Don't Reveal Truth.**" They simply allow for those of us who have been cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb to stand in God's righteousness alone.

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