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Job 42:9-11

⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the LORD had told them, and the LORD accepted Job's prayer.

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

Job 42:12-14

¹² And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. ¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch

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James 5:11

¹¹ As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

Job 1:8

And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

Job 1:20-22

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Job 2:10b

In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 4:7-9

Remember: who that was innocent ever perished?

Or where were the upright cut off?

As I have seen, those who plow iniquity
and sow trouble reap the same.

By the breath of God they perish,
and by the blast of his anger they are
consumed.

Job 8:3-6

Does God pervert justice?

Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

If your children have sinned against him;

he has delivered them into the hand of their
transgression.

If you will seek God

and plead with the Almighty for mercy,

If you are pure and upright,

surely then he will rouse himself for you
and restore your rightful habitation.

Job 11:5-6

But oh, that God would speak
and open his lips to you,
and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom!
For he is manifold in understanding.
Know then that God exacts of you less than your
guilt deserves.

Job 5:27

Behold, this we have searched out; it is true.
Hear, and know it for your good.

Job 13:23

How many are my iniquities and my sins?
Make me know my transgression and my sin.

The Book of Job will not let us off the hook: there is such a thing as innocent suffering.

- D. A. Carson

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
 and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
 yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Job 16:7, 11

Surely now God has worn me out;
he has made desolate all my company...
God gives me up to the ungodly
and casts me into the hands of the wicked.

Job 31:35

Oh, that I had one to hear me!

(Here is my signature! Let the Almighty
answer me!)

Oh, that I had the indictment written by my
adversary.

Job 33:9-12

You say, 'I am pure, without transgression;
I am clean, and there is no iniquity in me.
Behold, he finds occasions against me,
he counts me as his enemy,
he puts my feet in the stocks
and watches all my paths.'
Behold, in this you are not right. I will answer you,
for God is greater than man.

Job 34:12

Of a truth, God will not do wickedly,
and the Almighty will not pervert justice.

Job 36:22-23

Behold, God is exalted in his power;
who is a teacher like him?

Who has prescribed for him his way,
or who can say, 'You have done wrong?'

Job 38:34-36

Can you lift your voice to the clouds,
that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are?'

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
or given understanding to the mind?

Job 40:8-9

Will you even put me in the wrong?

Will you condemn me that you may be in the
right?

Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like his?

Tucked away within the assertion that the world is filled with pointless evil is a hidden premise, namely, that if evil appears pointless to me, then it must *be* pointless.

- Tim Keller

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Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and
knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”

“Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay him?”

For from him and through him and to him are all
things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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God does not here “answer” Job’s question about the problem of evil and suffering, but he makes it unambiguously clear what answers are not acceptable in God’s universe.

- D. A. Carson

Job teaches us that, at least in this world, there will always remain some mysteries to suffering. He also teaches us to exercise faith—not blind, thoughtless submission to an impersonal status quo, but faith in the God who has graciously revealed himself to us.

- D. A. Carson

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Matthew 26:38

Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Matthew 27:46

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

As we survey the emotional life of our Lord as depicted by the Evangelists, therefore, let us not permit it to slip out of sight, that we are not only observing the proofs of the truth of his humanity, and not merely regarding the most perfect example of human life which is afforded by history, but are contemplating the atoning work of the Saviour in its fundamental element. The cup which he drank to its bitter dregs was not his cup but our cup; and he needed to drink it only because he was set upon our salvation.

- B. B. Warfield

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

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I do not ask to see the way
My feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed
Upon the living Bread.

‘Tis better far that I may walk
By faith close to His side.

I may not know the way I go,
But oh, I know my Guide.

His love can never fail, His love can never fail;
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

- T. S. Elliot