

JOB'S INTEGRITY UNDER SEVERE TRIAL

BIBLE TEXT : Job 1:1-22; 2:1-10; 13:15; 23:1-17;
27:1-6; 42:1-17.

LESSON 372 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways" (Job 34:10, 11).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Job 1:1-22

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

² And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

³ His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴ And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

⁵ And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

⁷ And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

⁸ And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant

BIBLE REFERENCES:

I The Trial of Job

1. Satan was permitted of God to try Job's faith by trouble and distress, Job 1:1-22.
2. The evil devices of Satan that tried Job's faith are permitted within the divine order of God to purify the saints, and to accomplish the plans of God, Job 2:1-9;

John 15:2

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Hebrews 12:5-13

⁵ And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

⁸ But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

⁹ Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

¹⁰ For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.

¹¹ Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

¹² Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

¹³ And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Hebrews 5:8

⁸ Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

3. Job was tempted of Satan to succumb to evil under the pressure of a severe trial, Job 1:9-11; 2:4;

Daniel 3:1-18

¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

³ Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the

Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

⁹ Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

¹⁰ Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

¹¹ But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

¹² And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

¹³ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁴ And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

¹⁵ And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁶ While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁷ While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁸ While he *was* yet speaking,

dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁴ Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

⁵ *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

⁶ And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

⁸ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

⁹ They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

¹¹ And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

¹⁷ If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

⁵ Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁹ And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

²⁰ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

²¹ And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2:1-10

¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

² And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

³ And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

⁴ And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

⁵ But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

⁶ And the LORD said unto Satan,

⁸ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

⁹ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Luke 22:31

³¹ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

II The Discouragements of Job

1. Job's wife counselled him to curse God and die, Job 2:9;

Numbers 31:16

¹⁶ Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 32:15-18

¹⁵ Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

¹⁶ And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

¹⁷ He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

¹⁸ Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

2. Job's three friends accused Job of unconfessed sin as the cause of his troubles,

Job 4:7-8

⁷ Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

⁸ Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

Job 8:6

⁶ If thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

Job 11:6

⁶ And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth*.

Job 11:13-16

¹³ If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

¹⁴ If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

¹⁵ For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

¹⁶ Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, and remember *it* as waters that pass away:

3. Job had to suffer the contempt and derision of his neighbours because of his afflictions,

Job 30:1-15

¹ But now *they that are* younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

² Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in

Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life.

⁷ So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

⁸ And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

⁹ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

¹⁰ But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job 13:15

¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Job 23:1-17

¹ Then Job answered and said,

² Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

³ Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

⁴ I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵ I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

⁶ Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

⁷ There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

⁸ Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

⁹ On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*:

whom old age was perished?

³ For want and famine *they were* solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.

⁴ Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their meat.

⁵ They were driven forth from among *men*, (they cried after them as *after* a thief;)

⁶ To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

⁷ Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

⁸ *They were* children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

⁹ And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

¹⁰ They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

¹¹ Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

¹² Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

¹³ They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.

¹⁴ They came *upon me* as a wide breaking in *of waters*: in the desolation they rolled themselves *upon me*.

¹⁵ Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

Psalms 41:7-9

⁷ All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

⁸ An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

⁹ Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

4. Job's disease caused him great bodily pain and extreme discomfort,

Job 30:16-18

¹⁶ And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

¹⁷ My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

¹⁸ By the great force *of my disease* is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

5. Job could not seem to find God, because of Satan's opposition, and this caused him great distress, Job 23:10-17

Job 9:25-33

²⁵ Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

²⁶ They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.

²⁷ If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort *myself*:

²⁸ I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

²⁹ *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

³⁰ If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

³¹ Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

³² For *he is* not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

³³ Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.

III Job's Confidence in God

1. Job held on to his faith in God despite the great temptations and distress of body and soul he was forced to endure, Job 27:1-6; 13:15; 1:21, 22; 2:10; 23:10.

Job 19:25-27

¹⁰ But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

¹¹ My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

¹² Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

¹³ But he *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

¹⁴ For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him.

¹⁵ Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

¹⁶ For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

¹⁷ Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

Job 27:1-6

¹ Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

² *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;

³ All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;

⁴ My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

⁵ God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

⁶ My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

Job 42:1-17

¹ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

² I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee.

²⁵ For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

²⁶ And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

2. God turned the captivity of Job, and the end of Job was better than his beginning, Job 42:8-17;

Ecclesiastes 7:8

8 Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

NOTES:

Job's Example

Some men become infamous or renowned for some deeds they have done and forever after their names are synonymous with those deeds. Thus, the name of Judas has become symbolic of treachery ever since the betrayal of his Lord, Jesus Christ. The name of Job has become associated with patience. His is a name of honour and faithfulness because of the integrity, which he held despite the cruellest kind of sufferings of both body and soul.

Job was a believer in God, and although his history is vague, his name and record is a bright, shining page on the records of God's eternal Word. Job was a man of such personal integrity that God pointed him out to Satan as an example of righteousness. From Satan's answer to God regarding Job it is apparent that the world's unbelief in and derision for Christianity and its righteousness is satanic in origin.

Satan declared it of Job, and still declares it of Christians, that they serve God for gain: remove that gain, or hurt them in their bodies, and they will renounce God. This has been attempted innumerable times through the ages by Satan against God's people. But God has raised up men and women who, by the grace of God, have repudiated the claims of Satan by their immovable stand for righteousness, even though it cost many of them their lives.

Without question, the story of Job has been a great enlightenment to the followers of God. Christians are taught by the story of Job that afflictions and distresses are brought by Satan, but that such things are not without purpose and are within God's will for His people. God is not the author of sin or evil of any kind; or any of the results that evil brings, such as disease and death. Nevertheless, such things arise in the world, and so long as Christians are in the world, evils will have to be met and overcome. That they can be met and overcome by the grace of God is the lesson we are to learn from Job's trials and afflictions. He was tested almost to the limit of human endurance, and was true to God through it all.

The Temptation of Evil

One of the great lessons God's people need to learn from Satan's attacks upon Job is that his attacks are usually from several points at once. Paul said that "we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Corinthians 2:11); and some of his methods are revealed from Job's experience.

It should be noted that Job's trial was a battle from within and without. He had to suffer great bodily pain and discomfort and also fight a great fight within himself for his soul. To further Job's distress, those who should have been his aid and comfort opposed him. Those who should have encouraged him in his faith in God became his accusers. Job's wife advised him to curse God and die. Had Job listened to such advice he would have lost his soul forever.

Furthermore, Job's three friends accused him of secret and

³ Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

⁴ Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

⁵ I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

⁶ Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.

⁷ And it was *so*, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.

⁸ Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

¹⁰ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

¹¹ Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a

unconfessed sin, and that therefore his afflictions had come upon him. Still more to endure came from Job's neighbours and business associates. From the Scripture we learn that Job was a man highly respected in the community, and his words were listened to as coming from a man of wisdom. The prosperity with which God had blessed Job brought him great renown and prestige. When his riches were destroyed, and he himself was brought literally to the ash heap, his reputation seemed to have vanished. Young children dared to taunt him, and he was the disdain of his neighbours.

It was public opinion that such disaster that had come upon Job could be nothing but divine judgment against his sin, and so they held him in ill repute for the sin they did not know about but felt that he must have committed.

Only a man with unshakable faith in God could have withstood such an onslaught against his soul as did Job. God will not permit us to be tempted beyond that which we can endure, and God knew that Job could (and would) prove the strength of his salvation and faith in God. The temptation was to throw away every hope and confidence in God, and give way to hopeless despair. It was the attempt of Satan to bring such unbearable suffering on Job that he could not hope to stand against it. God's grace is sufficient for any trial and it was sufficient for the need of Job. God's grace did not spare Job from the suffering of his trial in all its aspects, but it retained for him his integrity in God and brought him through to glorious victory for God.

Job's Faith

Probably the hardest part of Job's trial was that he could not feel the presence of God. Great trials can be overcome more easily when the soul rests confidently in the faith that the Lord knows best and will bring everything to a conclusion according to His will. There was a time when Job said, "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: . . . he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him" (Job 23:8, 9). So far as feelings were concerned, it seemed hopeless. But faith is not feeling. Through it all Job could say, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). How many times God's people have taken comfort from those words! Because Job had a pure faith he was able to keep his integrity in God even though his fortunes were swept away, his body was racked with pain, and his soul was darkened by the evil attacks of his fellow men and Satan.

Job's great declarations of faith in God in his darkest hours are some of the most sublime passages in the Bible. It was only through the inspiration of the Spirit that he could look ahead to the time when Jesus will come in His revelation. Job said: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." (Job 19:25-27). The hope of the Resurrection is the hope of the Church, and Job proved himself to be worthy of the First Resurrection.

Job's statement, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," parallels in intensity the faith and trust that Abraham had when he was about to offer his son as a burnt offering, and said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8).

The End of Job

In the end, God changed the distress of Job, and restored to

piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

¹² So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴ And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

¹⁵ And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

¹⁶ After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.

¹⁷ So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

him twice that which had been taken away from him. His reputation was greater than ever before. Not only did he receive many earthly blessings from God because of his great faithfulness, but his testimony shall reap rich rewards in eternity because of the noble record he left to the Church.

QUESTIONS

1. Of what did Satan accuse Job the first time?
2. Of what did Satan accuse Job the second time?
3. Why did God let Satan attack Job?
4. What did Job's wife advise Job to do?
5. Of what did Job's three friends accuse him?
6. How do we know that Satan's attacks can be multiple?
7. Name some of Job's discouragements.
8. Why did his friends think that Job had sinned?
9. How do we know that Job believed in the Resurrection?
10. What was Job's great declaration of faith in God?