

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 13:1-8**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. From Job 2.3, there are three points of interest.
  - a) God expects us to remain faithful when we struggle.
  - b) God is responsible for hardships. (cf. Isa. 45.7; Job 5.8)
  - c) Suffering in this life is not connected to our eternal destiny.
2. In Job 12,13 Job answers his critics answering who and why.
3. If you want to offer good advice, do not be like Job's friends.

**I. ADVICE THAT IS HELPFUL**

- A. Helpful advice comes from a proper concept of God.
  1. **JOB 13.1-3:** *"I am not inferior to you."*
  2. **JOB 13.4-6:** *"You are all worthless physicians."*
- B. Developing a proper concept of God.
  1. How do you see God? (Joel. 2.13; 2 Thess. 1.8,9)
  2. Only one way to learn about God. (Luke 10.22)

**II. ADVICE THAT IS HONEST**

- A. Job's friends defined wickedness for God.
  1. **JOB 13.7:** *"Will you speak wickedly for God"*
  2. The scribes and Pharisees did the same. (Matt. 15.6)
  3. Do we have that problem today? (Col. 2.21,22)
- B. Job's friends presumed to act as God's spokesmen.
  1. **JOB 13.7:** *"And talk deceitfully for Him?"*
  2. The prophets of Judah did the same. (Jer. 23.17)
  3. Do we have that problem today? (1 John 1.10)
- C. Job's friends presented God as having partiality.
  1. **JOB 13.8:** *"Will you show partiality for Him?"*
  2. Peter did the same thing. (Gal. 2.11-13; cf. Acts 10.34)
  3. Do we have that problem today? (Job 30.25,26)
- D. Job's friends believed they were fighting for God.
  1. **JOB 13.8:** *"Will you contend for God?"*
  2. Do we have that problem today? (Rom. 10.2)

**CONCLUSION:** The best advice we can offer. (1 Pet. 4.11)

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*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"*  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

## **THE GOOD OF GODLY SORROW**

Feeling sorrow over the sins of our past is never pleasant. Yet there is good that comes from a heart of contrition. The apostle Paul told the brethren in Corinth that *"godly sorrow"* is *"not to be regretted"* (2 Cor. 7.10). What good comes from having a heart of contrition?

In our passage, we learn that godly sorrow produces something. We are told in **2 CORINTHIANS 7.10**, *"Godly sorrow produces repentance."* When you feel godly sorrow, you feel about your sin the way God feels. To repent means to change the way you live by first changing the way you think. How am I going to be convinced to change without first feeling sorrow about the way I have lived?

In our passage we also learn that godly sorrow results in something. We are told in **2 CORINTHIANS 7.10**, *"Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation."* The word translated as *"leading to"* is a word that looks forward to obtaining something. When I am grieved over my sin, I have a change of heart that leads to a change of life. That change is what enables me to obtain salvation.

It all begins with godly sorrow. The only way to save ourselves and others is to first be grieved by where we are, so that we can get to where we need to be. CLP

## **GOD EXPECTS YOU TO KEEP YOUR PROMISES**

### **TITUS 1:2**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Christians are to be people of integrity known for holding true to the things which they have promised. Is your word your bond?
2. God expects us to keep our promises because God Himself keeps His promises.

#### **I. GOD EXPECTS US TO KEEP OUR PROMISES**

- A. The promise that was made. (Josh. 9.1-19)
  1. The children of Israel were conquering Canaan. (vs. 1-5)
  2. The Gibeonites deceived Israel and asked for a covenant to be made. (vs. 6-11; cf. Ex. 34.11,12; Num. 33.55)
  3. A covenant was made with the Gibeonites that no harm would come to them. (vs. 14-19)
- B. The promise was broken. (2 Sam. 21.1-14)
  1. There was a famine in the land because Saul had broken the promise made to the Gibeonites. (v. 1)
  2. To make it up, David offered Saul's descendants to the Gibeonites for execution. (vs. 2-6)
  3. The men were executed. (vs. 7-9,14)

#### **II. GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

- A. God keeps His promises in nature.
  1. God promised never to flood the earth again by placing a rainbow in the sky. (Gen. 9.12-15).
  2. God promised to allow the natural cycle of the earth to provide for our needs. (Gen. 8.22; Acts 14.17)
- B. God keeps His promises in prophecy.
  1. How can you tell the difference between a true prophet and a false prophet? (Deut. 18.22)
  2. God promised to make Abraham a great nation through which all the world would be blessed. (Heb. 6.13)
- C. God keeps His promises in prayer. (Matt. 7.7-11; James 5)

#### **III. DO YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISES?**

- A. Do you keep your promise to your spouse? (Matt. 19.3,9)
- B. Do you keep your promise to your children? (Eph. 6.1-4)
- C. Do you keep your promises to God. (2 Pet. 2.21,22)

**CONCLUSION:** God promises eternal life to those who obey Him.

## **JUST IN TIME**

You just made it! This morning was chaotic. You woke up late, scarfed down some breakfast (assuming you had time), threw on some clothes without ironing them, and ran out the door. But you made it. You hurried into the building and sat down with a sigh of relief just before the Bible class teacher stands up to begin class.

Occasionally, we can afford to be late without significant consequences. No one is going to lock the church building doors the moment the clock strikes 9am. No one is going to criticize you for being a few minutes late. But what about the doors of heaven? The invitation of the gospel is offered to everyone. What if you delay, run behind, and miss the opportunity of heaven?

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us a parable about ten virgins waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. Five of them were ready. Five of them were not ready. When the bridegroom came, "*those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the doors were shut*" (Matt. 25.10). What about those who were not ready? Jesus goes on to say that "*afterward the other virgins came also saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us'*" (Matt. 25.11). But once shut, he would not open the doors for them (Matt. 25.12).

When is the best time to respond to the invitation of heaven and obey the gospel? A few chapters earlier in Matthew 20, Jesus tells another parable about a landowner who hired a laborer to work in his vineyard in the early morning (Matt. 20.1). Later he hired a laborer to work in his vineyard late in the day (Matt. 20.7). The point? It did not matter when they started working, they each received their wages. Whether you obey the gospel at an early age or late in life, the best time to respond to the gospel is now. Whenever you accept the grace of God by doing what God says to do to receive it, you do so just in time.

Solomon reminds us that "*time and chance happen to them all*" (Ecc. 9.11). Jesus told the rich man, "*this night your soul will be required of you*" (Luke 12.20). James reminds us that "*you do not know what will happen tomorrow*" (James 4.14). Maybe this is why Ananias said to Paul, "*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*" (Acts 22.16). Maybe that is why the psalmist wrote, "*I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments*" (Ps. 119.60). We do not know what will happen tomorrow. If you turn to God today, you might be doing so just in the nick of time. CLP