

THE BOOK OF JOB
JOB 10:1-7

INTRODUCTION:

1. The creation conveys a message of the greatest of God that is so incredible that is it difficult to comprehend. (Ps. 8:3-5; 139:6)
2. In Job 10, Job did not understand why God was making him suffer being innocent. (Ps. 9:21; 10:1).
3. In verses 8-12, Job portrays God as Creator. (Job 10:8)

I. BREAKING DOWN THE PASSAGE

- A. The Perfection of God's creation.
 1. **JOB 10:8:** *"Your hands have made me"* (Gen. 1:26,27)
 2. **JOB 10:8:** *"and fashioned me"* Shaped me by His will.
 3. **JOB 10:8:** *"an intricate unity"* It all fits together.
- B. The Process of God's creation.
 1. **JOB 10:9:** *"You have made me like clay."*
 2. **JOB 10:10:** *"curdle me like cheese."*
 3. **JOB 10:11:** *"clothe me with skin and flesh"*
- C. The Preservation of God's creation.
 1. **JOB 10:12:** *"You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit."*
 2. Not deism, but God stays involved in our lives from conception to death. (Ps. 139:13-16)

II. WHY DID GOD CREATE YOU?

- A. We were created to find God.
 1. **ACTS 17:27:** *"should seek the Lord...and find Him."*
 2. Paul is preaching about our creation. (Acts 17:24-26)
 3. **PSALM 105:3,4:** *"rejoice who seek the LORD"*
- B. We were created to serve God.
 1. **ECCLESIASTES 12:13:** *"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all."*
 2. Life is serving God. (Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; 1 Pet. 4:2)
- B. We were created to glorify God. (Isa. 43:7; 1 Cor. 10:31)

CONCLUSION: Job wondered why God created Him? Do you?

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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 7:30 PM

GROWING THE CHURCH TOGETHER

While teaching a Bible class to a group of young children, the teacher asked her students to make a church with their hands. You remember how it goes: "Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open the door and there's all the people." One of the students had recently lost his arm in an automobile accident. Another student, seeing that he could not make a church with his hands put her hand in his and said, "Let's build the church together."

Describing the church, the apostle Paul wrote, *"for whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what very joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love"* (Eph. 4:16). It is Christ who built the church (Matt. 16:18). God *"gives the increase"* (1 Cor. 3:7). However, He has assigned each one of us to do our part in the work of the church that we might grow (Rom. 12:4-8). Whether you *"plant"* or *"water"* or carry out some other function, every member is important for the successful growth of the church. (1 Cor. 3:6; 12:14-21).

Whose job is it to help strengthen the church and produce growth of the body? It does not lie with the preacher nor the elders but with every one of us. Let us all be willing to get to work and cause growth in the body.

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TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Acts 17:6

INTRODUCTION:

1. Everywhere you go, you leave a little bit of yourself behind. Either for the good or for the bad, we influence everyone we meet.
2. What influence do you have on the people in our lives? What do people think when they think of you?
3. In Acts 17, Paul and Silas teaches us how to turn the world upside down. [Read Acts 17.1-6]

I. SCRIPTURES

- A. Paul and Silas took them to the scriptures.
 1. **ACTS 17.1:** “*the synagogue of the Jews.*”
 2. **ACTS 17.2:** “*reasoned with them from the scriptures*”
 3. **ACTS 17.3:** “*explaining*” Literally opened up.
 4. **ACTS 17.3:** “*demonstrating*” Setting Jesus next to them.
- B. What do people think of you? Are you taking them to the Bible? Do they see you as one who believes in the Bible?

II. SAVIOR

- A. Paul and Silas centered their message around Jesus.
 1. **ACTS 17.3:** “*This Jesus whom I preach to you is Christ*”
 2. They did not center their message on the church, doctrinal issues, or morality. They preached Jesus.
- B. What do people think of you? Are you sharing with them a message of Jesus? Consider some examples.
 1. In Acts 2, Peter preached Jesus. (Acts 2.22,40,41,47)
 2. In Acts 3, Peter preached Jesus. (Acts 3.13,19)
 3. In Acts 8, Philip preached Jesus. (Acts 8.5,35)
 4. In Acts 10, Peter preached Jesus. (Acts 10.36)

III. SUBMISSION

- A. Paul and Silas preached Jesus as the king.
 1. **ACTS 17.7:** “*saying there is another king—Jesus.*”
 2. They preached a message that implied that Jesus has all authority and is the One to whom we must submit.
- B. What do people think of you? Are you exemplifying a life of one who lives by the commandments of Jesus?

CONCLUSION: When we take people to the Bible, show them Jesus, and exemplify a life of submission, we will turn the world upside down.

GOING BACK INTO THE WORLD

You hear it all the time. Every Sunday and Wednesday evening, the invitation is given and it is extended to two groups of people. The invitation is given to those who are not Christians who are invited to obey the gospel. Then the invitation is given to those who are Christians but who have gone back into the world. But what exactly does that mean? When the invitation is given, how do I know if it applies to me? How does someone go back into the world?

To answer the question, it is important to first define some terms. The first word that needs defining is the world. If someone goes back to the world, where are they going? Thankfully, the Bible is very clear in its definition of the world. In 1 John 2.16, we are told that the world consists of three elements: “*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*” These three things are “*not of the Father but is of the world.*”

Every temptation that the devil sets before us will fall into one of these three categories. Usually, temptation falls into all three. To engage in any one of these three things is to do something that is worldly. To do something that is worldly is to place yourself at enmity with God (James 4.4). In contrast, when you resist temptation and are no longer under the influence of worldliness, you have “*overcome the world*” (1 John 5.4,5).

Second, we need to define the concept of “going back.” Going back to the world does not mean making a mistake. Every one of us makes a mistake from time to time. A thought of envy comes into our heart. A word spoken in anger slips from our lips. If that happens, we do need to repent. In fact, Jesus taught that asking for forgiveness should be always be part of our prayers (Matt. 6.9,11). Returning to the world is altogether different. In 2 Peter 2, reference is made to those who have “*escaped the pollutions of the world*” and then are “*again entangled in them and overcome*” (2 Pet. 2.20). The next verse, we are told what it means to return to the world. He writes that they “*turn from the holy commandments delivered to them*” (2 Pet. 2.21). From this we learn that going back to the world is to abandon the faith and no longer live faithfully. It is not an occasional mistake. It is a return to the former sinful lifestyle.

When the invitation is given, it is given to everyone. Anyone who needs spiritual help is encouraged to respond. If you are struggling with spiritual weakness, your brethren are always willing to help. And we hope that you seek that help by responding to the invitation. But most of those who have gone back to the world are those who, like Demas, has forsaken the Lord “*having loved this present world*” (2 Tim. 4.10).