
Authentic Worshipers in Dark Times

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

Job 1

Job 1:1

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil.

Job 1:2

He had seven sons and
three daughters.

Job 1:3

**He owned 7,000 sheep,
3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen,
and 500 female donkeys. He also
had many servants. He was,
in fact, the richest person
in that entire area.**

Job 1:4

Job's sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them.

Job 1:5a

When these celebrations ended—
sometimes after several days—
Job would purify his children.

Job 1:5b

He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, “Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular practice.

Job 1:6

One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them.

Job 1:7

“Where have you come from?”
the Lord asked Satan. Satan
answered the Lord, “I have been
patrolling the earth, watching
everything that’s going on.”

Job 1:8

Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”

Job 1:9

Satan replied to the Lord,
“Yes, but Job has good reason
to fear God.

Job 1:10

You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is!

Job 1:11

But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

Job 1:12

“All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.

Job 1:13

One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house,

Job 1:14

a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them,

Job 1:15

when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

Job 1:16

While he was still speaking,
another messenger arrived with
this news: “The fire of God has
fallen from heaven and burned up
your sheep and all the shepherds.
I am the only one who escaped
to tell you.”

Job 1:17

While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news:
“Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

Job 1:18

While he was still speaking,
another messenger arrived with
this news: “Your sons and
daughters were feasting in their
oldest brother’s home.

Job 1:19

Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

Job 1:20

Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.

Job 1:21

He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

Job 1:22

**In all of this, Job did not sin by
blaming God.**

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The Accuser's Theory

If a righteous and faithful child of God were to be stripped of every blessing the Lord has ever given them, would they still authentically love and worship God?

Worship 101

- Human beings were created to worship.
- The Bible regulates and prescribes appropriate types of worship.
- Worship is for God not for you.
- Worship is not spiritual currency.

Worship 101

- **Worship is not dependent on feelings or emotions.**
- **Going to church does not guarantee you are authentically worshipping the Lord.**
- **We must not confuse the things that help us worship, as worship themselves.**

Principle #1

Authentic and heartfelt worship occurs when you choose to honor and glorify God simply because He is worthy.

Job 1:20

Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.

Principle #2

When you worship God instead of His gifts and blessings, you will hold all of them with an open hand.

Job 1:21

He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

Principle #3

Authentic and heartfelt worship of God is something that can only be understood by experiencing it.

Job 1:21

He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

Principle #4

If your relationship with God lacks constant, authentic, and heartfelt worship, you will find it nearly impossible to remain faithful.

Job 2:8

Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes.

Job 2:9

His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”

Job 2:10

But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

Principle #5

It is in your darkest days that you will have the opportunity to learn what it means to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Job 2:3a

Then the Lord asked Satan,
“Have you noticed my servant
Job? He is the finest man in all
the earth. He is blameless—
a man of complete integrity.

Job 2:3b

He fears God and stays away from evil. And he has maintained his integrity, even though you urged me to harm him without cause.”

Principle #6

There are 5 keys to authentically and whole-heartedly worshipping God in the darkest times of your life.

Job 1:20

Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.

The 5 Keys

- Rise Up
- Shed Your Expected Reality
- Own Your Emotions
- Fall On Your Face Before God
- Choose to Worship

Principle #7

Authentic and heartfelt worshippers of God will always be ushered into deeper levels of intimacy with the Master.

Job 42:1

Then Job replied to the Lord:

Job 42:2

**“I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.**

Job 42:3

You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?'

It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.

Job 42:4

**You said, 'Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.'**

Job 42:5

I had only heard about you
before, but now I have seen you
with my own eyes.

Job 42:6

I take back everything I said, and
I sit in dust and ashes to show
my repentance.”

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