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**Part 8**

**Contagious Worship  
In Dark Times**

# 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. He  
would get up early in the morning  
and offer a burnt offering for each  
of them.

# Job 1:5b

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 1:16a**

**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.**

# Job 1:16b

I am the only one who escaped  
to tell you.”

# Job 1:17a

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.

# Job 1:17b

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. Praise the name of the Lord!”

# Job 1:22

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

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# **Satan's Theory**

**If a righteous and faithful child of God were to be stripped of every blessing the Lord has ever given them, not only would they stop loving God, they would also curse Him to His face!**

# **Satan Doubles Down**

**If a righteous and faithful child of God were to be stripped of their health to the point of death, not only would they stop loving God, they would also curse Him to His face!**

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# Principle #2

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# 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. Praise the name of the Lord!”

# The Meaning

- **Nothing I have is mine.  
Everything belongs to God.**
- **It is God's right to do as He pleases with anything He wants, including me.**
- **God is Good no matter what.**

# Principle #2

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# Principle #3

**If your relationship with God lacks constant, authentic, and heartfelt worship in the good times, you will find it nearly impossible to remain faithful and worshipful during your darkest times.**

# Job 2:7

So Satan left the Lord's presence,  
and he struck Job with terrible  
boils from head to foot.

# 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.



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# Principle #4

**Worshipping God in your darkest times doesn't minimize your pain or deny the heaviness of your heart and soul. It simply refocuses and redirects your gaze on the Supreme Lover of your soul.**

# Principle #5

**Worshipping God during the darkest days, times, and seasons of your life is possible when you understand that your current reality is not the ultimate reality.**

# Job 19:25

**“But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.**

# Job 19:26

And after my body has decayed,  
yet in my body I will see God!

# Job 19:27

I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!

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# Job 1:20

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# The 5 Keys

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

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# 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.”

# Principle #7

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# Job 42:12

So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.



# Job 42:13

He also gave Job seven more sons  
and three more daughters.

# Job 42:14

He named his first daughter  
Jemimah, the second Keziah, and  
the third Keren-happuch.

# Job 42:15

In all the land no women were as lovely as the daughters of Job. And their father put them into his will along with their brothers.

# **Job 42:16**

**Job lived 140 years after that,  
living to see four generations of  
his children and grandchildren.**

# Job 42:17

Then he died, an old man who  
had lived a long, full life.

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