

Message Five

God's Intention with Job—That a Good Man Become a God-man

Scripture Reading: Job 1:1, 8; 2:3, 9; 27:5; 31:6; 42:5-6

Job 1:1—There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

Job 1:8—And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil.

Job 2:3—And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, though you have moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.

Job 2:9—Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.

Job 27:5—Far be it from me to declare you righteous! Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.

Job 31:6—Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, And let God know my integrity—

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

I. The Bible of sixty-six books is for only one thing—for God in Christ as the Spirit to dispense Himself into us to be our life, our nature, and our everything that we may live Christ and express Christ—Eph. 3:16-17a; Phil. 1:21a:

Eph. 3:16-17—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Phil. 1:21—For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

A. This should be the principle that governs our life—John 6:57.

John 6:57—As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

B. In a practical way, this should be today's tree of life for our enjoyment—Rev. 22:14.

Rev. 22:14—Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

II. Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity—Job 27:5; 31:6; 32:1:

Job 27:5—Far be it from me to declare you righteous! Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.

Job 31:6—Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, And let God know my integrity—

Job 32:1—Then these three men ceased answering Job, for he was righteous in his own eyes.

- A. Being perfect is related to the inner man, and being upright is related to the outer man—1:1.

Job 1:1—There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

- B. Job was a man of integrity; integrity is the totality of being perfect and upright—2:3, 9; 27:5; 31:6:

Job 2:3—And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, though you have moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.

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1. With respect to Job, integrity is the total expression of what he was.
2. In character, Job was perfect and upright, and in his ethics, he had a high standard of integrity.

- C. Job feared God positively and turned away from evil negatively—1:1:

Job 1:1—There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

1. God did not create man merely to fear Him and not do anything wrong; rather, God created man in His own image and according to His likeness that man may express God—Gen. 1:26.

Gen. 1:26—And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

2. To express God is higher than fearing God and turning away from evil.
3. What Job had attained in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity was altogether vanity; it neither fulfilled God's purpose nor satisfied His desire, and thus He was lovingly concerned for Job—Job 1:6-8; 2:1-3.

Job 1:6-8—Then one day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, Satan also came among them. ⁷And Jehovah said to Satan, Where have you come from? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From roving the earth and going about in it. ⁸And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil.

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perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, though you have moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.

- D. Only God knew that Job had a need—he did not have God within him; therefore, God wanted Job to gain Him in order to express Him for the fulfillment of His purpose—42:5-6.

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

III. God's intention was that Job would become a God-man, expressing God in His attributes—22:24-25; 38:1-3:

Job 22:24-25—And place *your* gold nuggets in the dust And *your gold of Ophir* in the stones of the brooks, ²⁵Then the Almighty will be your gold nuggets And precious silver to you.

Job 38:1-3—Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ²Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³Gird up now your loins like a mighty man; For I will ask of you, and you shall inform Me.

- A. God ushered Job into another realm, the realm of God, that Job might gain God instead of his attainments in his perfection, righteousness, and integrity—42:5-6.

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

- B. God's intention with Job was to consume him and to strip him of his attainments, his achievements, in the highest standard of ethics in perfection and uprightness—31:6.

Job 31:6—Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, And let God know my integrity—

- C. God's intention was to tear down the natural Job in his perfection and uprightness that He might build up a renewed Job in God's nature and attributes—1:6-8; 2:3-6.

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- D. God's intention was to make Job a man of God, filled with Christ, the embodiment of God, to be the fullness of God for the expression of God in Christ—1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17.

1 Tim. 6:11—But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness.

2 Tim. 3:17—That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

- E. God's stripping and consuming were exercised over Job to tear him down that God might have a base and a way to rebuild him with God Himself so that he might become a God-man, the same as God in His life and nature but not in His Godhead, in order to express God—Eph. 3:16-21.

Eph. 3:16-21—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are ¹⁹And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. ²⁰But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us, ²¹To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

IV. In Christ God has been constituted into man, man has been constituted into God, and God and man have been mingled together to be one entity, which is called the God-man—Matt. 1:21, 23; Luke 1:35; Titus 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:5:

Matt. 1:21—And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for *it is He who* will save His people from their sins.

Matt. 1:23—“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel” (which is translated, God with us).

Luke 1:35—And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Titus 2:13—Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

1 Tim. 2:5—For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

- A. The many God-men, the many sons of God, are the increase, reproduction, duplication, and continuation of Christ, the first God-man—John 12:24; Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:29.

John 12:24—Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Heb. 2:10—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Rom. 8:29—Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

- B. A God-man is one who partakes of God's life and nature, thus becoming one with God in His life and nature and thereby expressing Him—John 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:17.

John 3:15—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

2 Pet. 1:4—Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

1 Cor. 6:17—But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

- C. A God-man has been born of God to be a child of God, having the life and nature of God—John 1:12-13; 3:6:

John 1:12-13—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, ¹³Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:6—That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1. A God-man has two lives, the human and the divine, and two natures, humanity and divinity.
2. A God-man is a life-man—1 John 5:11-13; Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11.

1 John 5:11-13—And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. ¹³I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.

Rom. 8:2—For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Rom. 8:6—For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:10-11—But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

3. A God-man is a gold-man—Exo. 25:11; 1 Pet. 1:7; Rev. 3:18; 21:18b.

Exo. 25:11—And you shall overlay it with pure gold; inside and outside you shall overlay it; and you shall make a rim of gold upon it all around.

1 Pet. 1:7—So that the proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Rev. 3:18—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Rev. 21:18—And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

- D. A God-man is constituted with God, having God as his life, life supply, and everything; thus, a God-man is man yet God and God yet man—Eph. 3:16-17a.
Eph. 3:16-17—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- E. A God-man is a new creation and the righteousness of God in Christ—2 Cor. 5:17, 21.
2 Cor. 5:17—So then if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.
2 Cor. 5:21—Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- F. A God-man loves the Lord with his whole being, that is, from his heart, soul, mind, and strength—Mark 12:30.
Mark 12:30—And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.”
- G. A God-man has no confidence in the flesh, denies the self, and exercises the spirit to live Christ—Phil. 3:3; Matt. 16:24; 1 Tim. 4:7; Phil. 1:21a.
Phil. 3:3—For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Matt. 16:24—Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
1 Tim. 4:7—But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness.
Phil. 1:21—For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- H. A God-man is a man of God with the word of God, inhaling the breath of God—1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
1 Tim. 6:11—But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness.
2 Tim. 3:16-17—All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.
- I. A God-man realizes that he is not an independent individual but part of the corporate God-man—the Body of Christ, the one new man—1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 4:16; Col. 3:10-11.
1 Cor. 12:12-13—For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ. ¹³For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

Eph. 4:16—Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and *through* the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Col. 3:10-11—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.