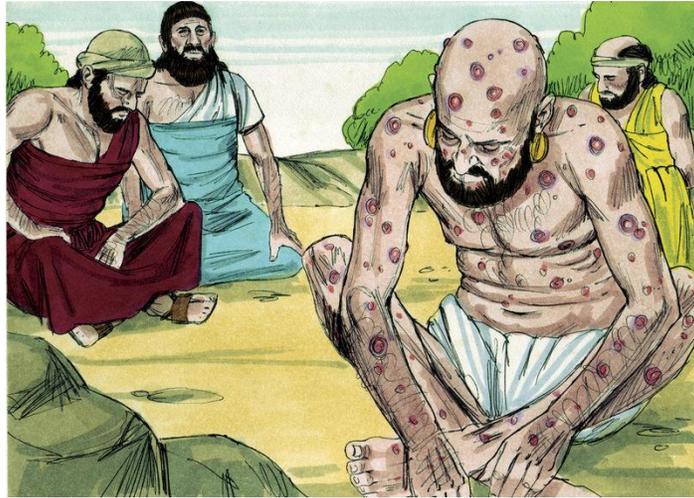


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What Do You Do When Bad Things Happen to Born Again
Christians?



Why Do Bad Things Happen?

Apostolic Teaching:

- Don't just come to church to come, come so that the empowering word of G-d can change your life.
- It doesn't matter how high you go up in the ministry, always be a servant.
- Lay before the Lord, and don't be so quick to get up and run. You are going to need to hear from the Lord in order to face what is facing you.
- You don't attack your head (Pastor). You pray for your head.

Job's Response to Eliphaz

Job 6: 1-9, 11-17 (KJV) ¹ But Job answered and said,²Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.⁴For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.⁵Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox

over his fodder?⁶Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?⁷The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.⁸Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!⁹Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!¹¹What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?¹²Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?¹³Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?¹⁴To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.¹⁵My brethren have dealt deceitfully. ¹⁶Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:¹⁷What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place. ¹⁸The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.



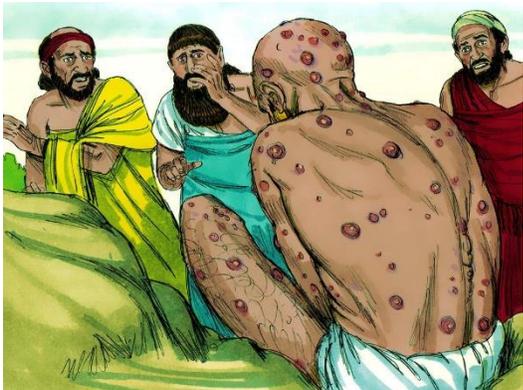
- In Job we observe a Man of G-d who feels like what he has been given doesn't add up to the life he has been living.
- We observe a man who fake friends offered tasteless advice that did him no good.
- The same G-d that change Job's life, can change your life, but you have to hold on.
- Job asked, "if a man dies, will he live again?" Sometimes you can go through so much that you feel as if you can't live through it. However, it is G-d's will that you live. And since it is his will for you to live, he is going to empower you to go through it and come out of it. If G-d is keeping you here, he is keeping you here for a reason.
- Vs 1-2. Job was wishing for a scale in which he could place his pain so that his friends could see how heavy his pain was. Job was saying that he couldn't even tell them how heavy his grief was
- People can't tell how hard you are grieving just by looking at you. Grief takes over you spiritually and emotionally. Grief is hard to explain.
- Vs 6 Unsavoury- tasteless
- Salt was a necessary spice in eastern culture. The food was mostly vegetables. Job was saying, " How can I like that which is distastefully meaning his misery."

- Job was telling Eliphaz that his words was like a white of an egg. It was bland and had no substance. Instead of satisfying and comforting Job, Job was left dissatisfied.
- A season word goes down better.
- Vs 9. Job had hit rock bottom. He felt like he didn't have anything to live for. All his family had died. He felt like no one could comfort hm.



- Vs 14 He felt like he didn't have a future. He felt weakened and left without strength. He was letting us know that he was made out of flesh. Job was being real. He said he didn't have the strength to take the longsuffering anymore.
- Vs 15 If anyone has ever been deceitful to you, thank G-d for them. Because he is using them to season you.
- Vs 16-17 Job said the deceitful are like a pool covered with ice and snow. You think that you can walk on it but when you step on it you fall through.
- Wadis (Hebrew)- is a valley, gully, or stream bed in Northern African
- Job knew about the snow and the ice because they were mountains and snow in the area where he lived. A stream or brook would appear to be dark where the snow and ice has melted.
 - During the spring months that water appears to be lighter.
 - In the rainy season the water appeared to be blackish.
 - Job used this description to describe his friends. They looked like friends but they were fake. It looked like they were going to encourage him, but they didn't.
- Vs 19 Tema (Arabic background)- they would lead caravans across the desert to repelish the water in their skins and bottle.
- Job was telling them a story that related to his 3 friends. These 3 individuals were the brethren that he was talking about. They were advance socially and intellectually. Their intellectuality and ability to enunciate did not mean anointing. Job's friends were men of reputation, known for their wisdom.

- These 3 friends were supposed to be help him. However, their words were dried up, tasteless, and useless. He thought the comforters were going to refresh his tired mind but they didn't.
- Thank G-d for the Holy Spirit living on the inside of you. For he is a well of water springing up on the inside. You don't have to wait for anyone to come and tell you that it is going to be alright. The Holy Spirit will tell you to hold on just a little while longer for he will never leave you nor forsake you. He will be with you until the end of the world. There is no other friend like Jesus. The Holy Spirit will make you get up out of the bed and step out of your grieving so that you can live.
- The Holy Ghost will strength you. He is your go to when you can't go no further. He is your strength when you don't have any. He will make you run, shout, and holler. The Holy Ghost is your comforter. When the Holy Ghost talk to you, he will refresh you.



• Vs 20 When Jobs 3 friends heard what had happen to Job, they traveled a great distance to comfort him. They had heard about the death of his children and the loss of his property but they weren't aware of his physical condition. They were surprised and shocked by his appearance that they sat with him for 7 days fasting and speechless. When they did speak their words were without taste. Job was expecting his friends' words to quench his thirsty soul. Job was like a traveler crossing the dry desert and needed water. Job told his friends that they were like a dried up brook. They were no refreshing to them. In fact they ended up criticizing Job.

- Job's friends were actually afraid of his situation. You don't have to be afraid of a person's situation to sympathize with them.