

Highlights from Job

Part 1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job (Job 1:1)

This study involves mere *samplings* of verses in Job, from which some “deep things of God” (1 Corinthians 2:10) can be understood, by comparing spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:13). These things (the words of scripture) can be received and discerned, and understood, by those of a believing heart-set. These things will seem as foolishness to those of a critical mind-set, who have...

“...cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 5:24)
... i.e., those who have cast away and despised the one book (the King James Bible) that the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, has given to the English-speaking world in these last days, and have sought after other versions (not unlike the children of Israel who sought after other gods).

Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear (Ezekiel 3:27)
He that hath an ear, let him hear... (Revelation 2:7,11,17,29 & 3:6,13,22)

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job:

- Genesis 10:1,22,23 ... Noah → Shem → Aram → Uz ...

...and that man was **perfect** and upright, and one that **feared God**, and **eschewed evil**.

Here in the very beginning we can see some things pertaining to Job that relate to the foundational study on “Understanding the Deep Things of God”...

- **Job was perfect:** The only way to be described by God as perfect is to be born again – to be clothed in Jesus Christ’s spotless white robe of righteousness – to be in Christ (and he, by his Holy Ghost, also in us). This is the mandatory prerequisite for understanding the deep things of God: Ye must be born again.
- **Job feared God:** This is the first of the seven requirements – listed in “Understanding the Deep Things of God” (Fear God) – which all together, accompanying the mandatory prerequisite (being born again), constitute the “heart-set” of the believer.
- **Job eschewed evil:** This relates the fifth of the seven requirements in “Understanding the Deep Things of God” (Obey) ... “eschew” is something you do (put away, cease to do):

Isaiah 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

2 Chronicles 19:9 ... Thus shall ye **do** in the **fear of the LORD**, faithfully, and with a **perfect heart**.

Job 3:11 Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

This verse identifies that when we die, we “give up the ghost.” Furthermore, it gives insight into the fact that an unborn child is alive in the womb, else he could not “give up the ghost” (if he had no “ghost” to give up, yet). This is further evidenced later in Job:

Job 10:18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

In Job 3:11, Job laments that he did not give up the ghost when he was born, and then...

In Job 10:18 he laments that he did not give up the ghost before he was born.

From a more in-depth study of just the use of the word “ghost” in the scriptures, it can be spiritually discerned that “ghost” is a reference to a person’s spirit, and is used specifically in reference to the departing of the spirit from the body. On the cross, Jesus gave up the ghost (Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37,39; Luke 23:46; John 19:30). When we are born again, we receive his Holy Ghost.

Job 3:19 (in death...) the servant is free from his master

1 Peter 2:24 we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness

Believers are to be dead to sins (our old master) and are to live unto righteousness (our new master).

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters...

Joshua 22:15 ... choose you this day whom ye will serve...

- Job 5:11 (God) set(s) up on high those that be low
 Luke 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
 This, Mary could say of “God my Saviour” (Luke 1:47)
 Just as Job could say of God “my redeemer” (Job 19:25).
 A separate study could be made just pertaining to God being the one to put down the proud, and to exalt the humble. With God there is no respect of persons: and therefore there should be none with us.
- Job 5:15,16 ...he saveth the poor... So the poor hath hope.
 Job 22:29 ...he shall save the humble person
 Proverbs 19:23 A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
 Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Job 6:6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt?
 Matthew 5:13 if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?
 Psalm 34:8 taste and see that the LORD is good
- Job 7:20-21 I have sinned; ... why dost thou not pardon my **transgression**, and take away mine **iniquity**?
 Psalm 65:1-3 ...O God, ...O thou that hearest prayer, ...
Iniquities prevail against me: as for our **transgressions**, thou shalt purge them away.
 Hebrews 1:1-3 God, ... his Son, ...by himself purged our **sins**...
- Job 13:3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.
 Isaiah 1:16-18 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- Job 13:8 Will ye accept his [God’s] person? will ye contend for God?
 The “accepting of a man’s person” is denounced in a number of places and ways in the holy scriptures. A whole separate study can be made into just that seemingly limited topic. For example:
 Job 32:21-22 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man’s person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.
 Job 13:10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.
 Matthew 22:16 ... thou (Jesus Christ: God) regardest not the person of men.
 Luke 20:21 ...neither acceptest thou the person of any.
 Acts 10:34 ...God is no respecter of persons:
- Job 14:10-14 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:
 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. [...as it appears from man’s viewpoint here under the sun (as in Ecclesiastes)]
 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! [...but we should trust God’s viewpoint...]
If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my **change** come.
 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**,
 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed**.