

God's Testimony about Job

Scripture Reading: 1:1 – 2:10, 42:12&13

God testified about Job that he was an upright man, blameless and a person who feared God and departed from evil. But the devil said to God that Job was righteous because God had blessed him with all he wanted. He said to God that Job would deny Him if God would take away all that he possessed. Satan asked God's permission to test Job and thus prove if he was truly a man who loved God.

With God's permission, Satan killed Job's 700 sheep, 5000 oxen, 3000 camels, 5000 donkeys and all his 10 children. Job, even in such distress declared, "It was God who gave, it was God who took it away, to God be the glory".

After that, Job was struck with severe sores from the top of his head to the bottom of his toes. Even in such a situation he did not sin against God, neither did he murmur. Job's wife with much grief questioned him saying, 'Will you still be righteous before God?' Job responded, 'Will I not receive evil from the hands of God when I have received good from His hands?'

Dear friends, Job was despised, mocked and cursed. Even at that point, Job was upright. Therefore, God blessed him double fold compared to what he had before. God again blessed him with 14000 sheep, 10000 oxen, 6000 camels, 10000 donkeys and 10 children.

It is a false concept that we shall never have trouble or face persecutions if we love God and live a life that pleases Him. Those who have accepted God might face the similar problems the ungodly face. Nevertheless, God gives the strength for His children to go through trials and also reveals them the way out. He also stands by their side and saves them by His righteous right hand. You will be able to feel His presence. Will God give such a testimony concerning you?

Questions:

1. What did God testify about Job?
2. What did Job say after he had lost everything?
3. What was Job's response to his wife when she said him to curse god and die?