

“In All This”

Job 1:13-22

The trials of life, and the tragedies we may face in life, are something that we will need to deal with at some point. Job faced “all this” as an example for us to know that no matter what we face, we can deal with it – we can handle it.

Will we be able to have said of us, as was said of Job, “In all this Job sinned not”? I believe the answer to that question will dictate to us, as well as others, as to how close our walk is with the Lord. There are many other examples in the Bible of trials that were faced, and the child of God came through them without blaming God. Joseph is a clear example, for one. All that he faced, and yet God was always there for him.

I. “ALL THIS” TRIAL WILL OFTEN BE SWIFT AND UNAVOIDABLE – VS. 13-19

There was nothing he could do to prevent it. Many of the things we face in life are simply outside of our ability to affect a change on the outcome. We have to believe that the Lord will bring us through.

A. Vs. 13-15 – “There was a day” – just one day

B. Vs. 16 – “While he was yet speaking”

C. Vs. 17 – “While he was yet speaking”

D. Vs. 18-19 – “While he was yet speaking”

II. "ALL THIS" TRIAL CAUSES SORROW AND SADNESS – VS. 20

A. "Then Job arose"

1. It wasn't until after the news came about his children that Job "arose" from whatever he was doing.
2. The loss of all his material things didn't seem to cause Job the sorrow and anguish that losing his family did. I wonder if that would be true of us. How much sorrow would the loss of all our material things cause us?

B. "Rent his mantle, and shaved his head"

1. This is a typical reaction for the time period and the Israelites when tragedy struck
2. It was a way to show their true emotions and to indicate that nothing else mattered now

Ezra 9:1–3

¹ Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

² For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the

people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

³ And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

C. "And fell down upon the ground, and worshipped"

1. The position most often seen in the Bible when someone is said to be worshipping the Lord is either on their knees with their head bowed down, or laying prostrate on the ground.

Deuteronomy 9:18

¹⁸ And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

2 Samuel 12:16

¹⁶ David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

2 Chronicles 7:3

³ And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Matthew 26:39

³⁹ And he went a little further, and fell on his

face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**

2. The key here is that Job, instead of blaming God, and asking why, fell down and worshipped, knowing that God was still there, and still in control.

III. THROUGH “ALL THIS” TRIAL THE LORD IS STILL THERE – VS. 21

A. Job recognized that he had nothing to start with, and he'd have nothing to leave this earth with – things didn't matter to him that much

Psalm 49:16-17

¹⁶ Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

¹⁷ For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

Ecclesiastes 5:15

¹⁵ As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

1 Timothy 6:7

⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

B. He also recognized that all that he had, including his children, as a child of God, were His to begin with – if He wanted them, He had the right to them.

1. This is not teaching what some teach regarding the Sovereignty of God but is

simply showing that God is not surprised by what happens, and, even if bad things happen to His children, He will not abandon us in those times of trouble.

2. We need to be careful that we don't confuse the Sovereignty of God with His working those things that are "bad" (trials) in our to His glory and our good.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

¹⁹ Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Genesis 45:5

⁵ Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

IV. THROUGH "ALL THIS" TRIAL WE ARE TO REMAIN RIGHT WITH GOD – VS. 22

A. "In all this Job sinned not" – that means, he did not blame God or man for what happened to him – he simply accepted it as from the Lord.

1 Peter 1:7

⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus

Christ:

B. "Nor charged God foolishly" – Is that true of us when we go through trials? Not only did he not blame God, He didn't consider what was happening to him to be wrong ("contribute folly to God").

Isaiah 29:16

¹⁶ Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

Isaiah 45:9

⁹ Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Romans 9:20

²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Conclusion: The point of this trial in Job's life, and the lesson we are to learn from it, is that we make sure that we stay right with God, NO MATTER WHAT happens in our life. "In all this" – no matter what "this" is – do right.