

PREPARING FOR TURBULENT TIMES

Job 1

-How do we handle life when my plans, my dreams and my ambitions collide with God's?

-Is there something we can do at the present time to prepare for the future?

-“At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.” In all this Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.” (Vs.2-22)

-When everything was stripped away, how was Job able to respond in such a fashion?

1. JOB HAD A PROPER PERSPECTIVE OF _____ (V. 21)

A. Job had a very low expectation of life.

B. Job saw things in life as a gift from God, not as an entitlement. (Proverbs 30:8; 1 Timothy 6:17)

C. Job’s confidence was not in that which he had possessed, but on the Lord (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

D. Job did not allow things in life to become his worship.

“Man must have something larger than death or death takes man.” (Max Lucado)

2. JOB HAD A PROPER PERSPECTIVE OF _____ (V.21b)

A. Job saw the Lord as the object of his worship, something that was the most important element in his life.

B. Job worshiped God for who He is rather than what God has given him (Job 13:15)

C. Job mastered the art of worship.

“Worship is all about my willingness to give God my very best.”

3. JOB HAD A PROPER PERSPECTIVE OF _____

-V.22: “In all this Job did not sin by charging God of wrong doing.”

A. Job trusted in God’s wisdom and decisions in his life

B. He saw crisis in life as God’s method of refining him (23:10)

C. He saw turbulences as a way to experience God in a deeper way (42:5)

Application:

-Do I see myself as the owner or steward of all that I have?

-How tightly am I holding on to things God has blessed me with?

-Is Jesus my ultimate worship?

-Am I prepared to face death?