



The End the Lord Intends!

Lesson 28 • Job 42:10-17

The Ending of Job Leaves Us Still Asking Questions

To Some the Ending of Job Seems...

1) UNNECESSARY at best!

2) UNREALISTIC for many!

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3) UNTRUE at worse!

The Ending of Job Reminds Us that...

1) The Lord has revealed the end that He INTENDS not the one we prefer.

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We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful. (NAS)

Think of how we regard as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and you have seen the Lord's purpose, that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (NET)

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (NIV)

So, UNDERSTAND the end the Lord intends and you will better understand His compassionate character in the midst of undeserved suffering.

2) The end that the Lord intends will be WORTH IT in the end! James 5:9-11

So, PERSEVERE to the end the Lord intends, because it will be worth it in the end!

Seven Reasons to Persevere to the End that the Lord Intends

1. The End the Lord Intends Is GRACE-BASED. (42:10a)

2. The End the Lord Intends Is OUTRAGEOUSLY GENEROUS. (42:10b, 12-13)

Before the Ash Heap	After the Ash Heap
7 sons	7 or 14 sons
3 daughters	3 daughters
7,000 sheep	14,000 sheep
3,000 camels	6,000 camels
1,000 oxen	2,000 oxen
500 donkeys	1,000 donkeys
70 years of life?	140 years of life

3. The End the Lord Intends Is RELATIONAL, Not Just Material. (42:11, 13-15)

4. The End the Lord Intends Is ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED. (42:11, 2)

"and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him."

So What Do We Do with This Statement by Job's Family and Friends?

- 1) We don't question it or **ACCUSE** God of being unjust or uncaring like Job did until God confronted him. *Job 40:3-5*
- 2) We let it warn us not to be miserable comforters who automatically **ASSUME** we know the causes of or reasons for the suffering of others. *Job 42:7-9*
- 3) We **ACCEPT/AFFIRM** it like Job did and find strength in it to trust our sovereign, compassionate God in the midst of undeserved suffering. *Job 42:2*
- 4) We let it move us to **ACTION** like Job's family and friends in comforting those who suffer when we do not know exactly why they are suffering. *Job 42:11*

5. The End the Lord Intends Is TRANSFORMING. (42:14-15)

6. The End the Lord Intends Is LIFE-GIVING. (42:16)

7. The End the Lord Intends Is FULFILLING. (42:17)

The End the Lord Intends Is Worth It in the End!

Persevere through prosperity and adversity with integrity, because God's majesty is always worthy of our worship in the end!

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