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Introduction

This booklet “**JOB Part 2,**” is a continuation of Part 1. It would be very helpful if those reading this booklet would first read Part 1. Being that some may not have a copy of Part 1 this introduction is included in both, booklets, Part1 and Part 2.

The book of Job is a very interesting book among all the books of the Bible. There are two different views of what the Book of Job is all about. There is the view of those who teach from their mind. And there is the view of those who teach from their spirit.

Those who read it and try to understand it with their natural mind, will see it as a book of suffering without a cause. How that God expects His people to suffer even when there is no cause. This is an Old Covenant teaching, for those who operate from their mind.

For those who understand the New Covenant, and can listen to their spirit, they should see the book of Job as an example of how Christians will suffer if they do not understand their position in Christ. Therefore, it would be much better to understand the Book of Job in light of the New Covenant, rather than in view of the Old Covenant.

We do not need to try to understand the Book of Job from the Old Covenant, the way many have taught over the years. It is easy for anyone who is not listening to the Holy Spirit to understand it from that point of view.

Job did have a problem, which was explained clearly in the first Mini-Book, “**JOB, The Book of Job, Part 1**”

In this “**Part 2,**” We need to see, why it is that Job suffered the way he did? If Job was without fault, and did not sin, why did Satan take Job’s children? What did Job do, that made it possible for Satan to destroy Job’s children?

Surely, God would not have inflicted Job with sickness or disease without a cause. “**Surely, God will not do wickedly...**” (Job 34:12).

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Job's situation, in Job, Chapter One tells us that Job had **“seven sons and three daughters”** (Job 1:2). Then in Job 1:3,4 it says, **“And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them...And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.”**

From this, we see that **“...Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all...”** In this we see that Job (as the head of his household), went about to sanctify his children and offer up burnt offerings for them continually.

The head of a household can operate in the same office as a Priest. He can sanctify and make offerings for the sins of those to whom he is the head over.

Aaron (the High Priest, at the time of the Children of Israel in the wilderness), sanctified and made offerings for the sins of the tribes of Israel in the wilderness. Yet it is important to understand that Aaron first sanctified himself before he performed the service of the Priest over the Children of Israel (Lev. 8:12).

We see this again with Jesus, who is the head of the Body of Christ. Jesus sanctified Himself, before He was able to sanctify those who are Children of God in Christ Jesus. Hebrews 2:11 tells us, **“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.”** Therefore, as the head of the Body of Christ, Jesus sanctified Himself first, then He could sanctify all those who are members of His Body.

The word “sanctify” in the Greek means “to make holy.” God is Holy, and to be sanctified, one must become holy like God. Jesus was holy, just as the Father and the Holy Spirit are holy. Jesus kept Himself from those things in this world that are not of God. Therefore, Jesus could sanctify those who come to Him.

In the case of Aaron in the wilderness, it was necessary for Aaron to be cleansed by every instruction given to Moses and Aaron by the LORD. It took two weeks of separation from everything that was unclean for Aaron to be sanctified, before he could make atonement for the sins of the tribes of Israel.

What this comes down to is that even though Job tried to sanctify his sons and daughters, and then make offerings for them, the LORD was not obligated to honor Job's offerings for the sins of his children. Job did not sanctify himself first by walking in the righteousness of God, rather than his own righteousness. Job was not sanctified, because of his pride and self-righteousness.

Pride and self-righteousness are works of the Devil. Living in pride or self-righteousness separates us from the righteousness which we have in Christ Jesus. Our righteousness cannot justify our actions. Only the righteousness of Jesus Christ can justify us, and cleanse us from all sin.

When the one who is the head of the household is not sanctified, their prayers may not be answered. They can open the door for Satan to attack them and their household.

Therefore, Job's offerings were not accepted by the LORD, being Job was the head of his household, but walking in pride and self-righteousness. Jesus never walked in pride and self-

righteousness, therefore He was able to make an offering unto God which was accepted for the sins of those who are in Christ.

As we look all throughout the Scriptures, offerings must be made by faith. This is not by faith in ourselves, but faith in God and His Word. When Abel made an offering unto God, it was accepted, because Abel offered it by faith (Heb. 11:4). Cain, at that time also made an offering to God, but he did not offer it by faith, therefore, his offering was not accepted (Gen. 4:3-7).

This is a principle of God's that was established already in Genesis. All of God's principles are established by God from the foundation of the world. When Christians do not operate according to God's principles, God is not obligated to answer their prayers.

Christians need wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God's principles. When we operate according to God's principles, God is obligated to do whatsoever He has promised in His Word. But, when Christians do not operate according to God's principles, God is not obligated to do whatsoever they believe God should do.

A covenant is only good when both parties keep their obligations to the covenant. God always keeps His part. But, when Christians do not keep their part, they break their covenant with God, and God is not obligated to keep His part.

Job was proud of his accomplishments. Job did everything he knew to keep himself from wickedness. Job made mention of many of the things he did in Job, Chapter Thirty-one. He did not look upon other women in lust. He did not withhold helping others when they needed help. He did not look for money to make himself rich.

In all of the things Job did that were pleasing to God, Job took credit for all his accomplishment. Job became prideful of all that he had as though he was the one that obtained it by his own righteousness. Satan knew it was the LORD that caused Job to become a rich and wealthy man. In Job 1:10, Satan said to the LORD, **"Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land."**

The LORD is faithful and wants to bless all of those who are a part of His body. The Body of Christ should be blessed above those who are of this world. The world should know that Christians are highly favored by God.

In Genesis 1:28 it tells us that when God created man, one of the first things God did for man was that He blessed man. Then for those who are in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 1:3 it says, **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."**

By this we can see that God wants us to be blessed. He already **"...hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."** These blessings which we already have in Christ Jesus are worth more than any blessings the world has to offer.

The blessings we have from heaven are able to take care of all our earthly needs while we are still here on earth. They are well able to supply all that we have need of.

In my own life, I have never been without food to eat. I have never been without clothing to wear. I have always had a place to live. I have always been blessed with whatsoever I needed.

I have even been blessed beyond what many other Christians have. God has taken care of me like a good father takes care of his children. I have had an automobile of my own ever since I was seventeen years old. I bought my first house in about 1962, when I was twenty-eight years old and

married with two small children. I have owned my own home ever since then.

I have been blessed, with all sorts of blessings. It was always the LORD that was working things out for my good. Romans 8:28 says, **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.”** I have been blessed beyond that of many of my fellow Christians. I am now seventy-four years old and the LORD is still blessing me. I experience the LORD working in my life every day. I would never want it to be any other way.

A Christian should be blessed beyond that of those of this world. God is well able to supply all our needs. If He created the world and all that is in it, certainly He can take care of His own Children who belong to Him.

God dwells in everyone of His Children, and is for us, not against us. God will keep His Word, and do whatsoever He has promised in His Word.

Christians must come to the understanding of who it is that causes us to prosper, and be in good health. There are only two god's in this world. There is the Devil, who causes many to become rich and wealthy, and there is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit that blesses people for their obedience.

Abraham was obedient to do what the LORD had asked him to do, therefore, Abraham was blessed by God. It was not Abraham's self-righteousness that caused Abraham to prosper. It was Abraham's obedience to the LORD that brought the blessings upon Abraham.

Those who believe it is their good works that God honors are deceived. Those who believe that their good works will cause God to accept them are deceived.

In Ephesians 2:8-10 it tells us, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...Not of works, lest any man should boast...For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”**

All the good works that we do, are not our good works, but the work of God in our lives to draw attention to the Truth, which is, Jesus Christ. By our good works, which God does in us and through us, many can be brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and become born again into the family of God.

But, what many Christians do not understand is that it is God working in us and through us that causes us to prosper and be in good health. It is not our doing, but God working in us to do His good works. Philippians 2:13 says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”**

Jesus set the example of a Godly person when He said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** When Christians try to do their own will, they end up serving the Devil. The Devil will bless them with all sorts of worldly possessions. They can become wealthy, and have many expensive things. But, that will only keep them from walking in the Light of the Word of God. We are warned about seeking worldly things in 1 John 2:15-17, where it says, **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”**

Satan uses the things of the world to get Christians into following him, rather than God. In Mark 4:18,19 it says, **“And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word...And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”**

Abraham was blessed with worldly things, because he obeyed God. But, when the things of this world keep us from reaching out to others and walking in love one toward another, then Satan gets an advantage over us.

Job did not let the things of this world become more important than reaching out to others. Job helped others when they needed help. Job never turned anyone away who needed help. Job’s problem was that he took credit for what God was doing in his life. Job became self-righteous and took pride in what he did for others.

Job did not recognize that it was God that caused him to prosper, not Job. Job’s prosperity came from what God was doing in Job’s life, not what Job was doing of his own ability. God gave Job the ability to get wealth. It was not Job’s doing, it was God making Job wealthy.

God had a purpose for making Job wealthy. God’s purpose was so God could use Job to reach out to others in need. When God blesses someone with wealth, it is so that God can use them to reach others for Himself.

God wants to reach the world for Jesus Christ. God wants everyone to be saved. God works through Christians to reach the world. Whatsoever a Christian has that is not of the Devil, came because of God, and what God is doing in their lives. All sin is of the Devil, for he is the one that sinned from the beginning (1 John 4:8). All righteousness is of God, because He is righteous.

Christians are born again into the family of God because it was God’s desire for them to become born again. It was God’s will, and God caused the new birth in everyone who is born again. We cannot take credit for what God did in our lives.

It is all because of God, and nothing because of who we are or who we think we are. Without God, we could not do anything. Without God, we would be no different than those who do not know God. If there is anything good in our lives, it is God that made it good. Of ourselves, we can do nothing.

Taking credit for what God did is not of God. God does not share His Glory with anyone else. There will not be any in heaven who believe they got there by their good works, or their righteousness. The only ones who will be in heaven are those who glorify God in everything He does. The ones who obey the LORD and know it is God, and God alone that made it possible for them to become born again will inherit eternal life will enter into heaven when they leave this earth.

Pride and self-righteousness will keep a person from entering into heaven when they leave this earth. But, denying ourselves and trusting in the LORD will keep us from the works of the Devil.

God is Love, and Christians need to understand what that means? God’s Love is unconditional. God loves everyone. But, God does not love sin, or the works of the Devil.

We must come to the knowledge and understanding of God and His righteousness. Then we must obey the LORD and His commandments. The LORD’s commandments are simple, and easy to obey when we are led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

Here is wisdom. Make the Holy Spirit your Teacher, Guide, Helper, Leader, and Comforter in everything you do. Learn to know the Holy Spirit so well that Satan cannot tempt you in any area of your life.

It is sad that so many Christians are not being led by the Holy Spirit in what they do. They still want to do their own will. They still desire the world and the things of this world more than the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Jesus made a statement in John 6:45, when He said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** Why are Christians not seeking to be taught by God, rather than by men? God loves His Children and wants to teach us all things. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

God wants to teach us Himself. God will teach us if we will obey the LORD. It all starts by us being willing to obey the LORD, by studying the Scriptures, and following the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Holy Spirit works from our spirit whereas the Devil works from our mind. Our spirit is in our belly, and our mind is in our head. Once we learn the difference between our mind and our spirit, we will then learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Job was not born again. Job was not baptized in the Holy Spirit. But, God is not unjust or unrighteous in anything He does. What happened to Job, happened because of what Job did not do. What Job did not do was give the LORD the credit for what the LORD did in Job’s life. Job knew the LORD. Job knew the will of God. Job knew what God desired of Him.

Christians know the LORD. Christians know how important it is to pray and study the Word of God. It is not that they do not know what to do. It is their unwillingness to do what they know to do.

If Christians will spend time everyday with the LORD and the Holy Spirit, praying and studying the Word of God, God will bless them in every area of their lives.

God loves to bless those who obey Him. God loves those who are His Children through the new birth. God especially loves those who are born again into the family of God (John 3:5-7). God is a Father to all who are Children of God in Christ Jesus. Every good father loves his children and wants them to prosper and be in good health. Every good father wants his children to have all their needs met. Every good father will put the needs of his children before his own needs.

This is the way God is to those who are His Children. God wants to bless His Children in every way He can. God does bless those who obey Him. Like a good father, God will not withhold any good thing from his children who obey him.

But, that does not mean God will bless those who do not obey Him. A good father will not bless his children who are disobedient and come against their own father. Neither will God bless those who are His Children if they disobey Him.

Those who are Children of God, that go about serving the Devil, God will not bless them. God will not help those who serve the Devil. God only helps those who obey Him.

Pride and self-righteousness are works of the Devil. Preferring oneself before others is not of God. God looks upon our needs before His own needs.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, the LORD looked upon their needs and made their needs more important than His own needs.

When the LORD saw the need of man to be free of the works of the Devil, He said in Genesis 3:15, **“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;**

it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” The LORD put man’s needs before Himself.

The LORD created man Himself (Gen. 2:7). The LORD made the woman to be man’s help meet (Gen. 2:21,22). The LORD never stopped loving man. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, the LORD promised to come into this world, born of a woman, and take away the sin of the world. That is Love, the true love of God. That is how much the LORD loves those who will come to Him and obey Him.

The LORD did come into this world, born of a virgin. He lived as a man and gave His life for man. The LORD still loves man. But, the LORD cannot help those who do not obey Him. He can only help those who obey Him and keep His commandments.

Those who disobey the LORD are in fact, obeying the Devil and do not know it. There are only two gods in this world. There is GOD, who created the world and all that is in this world. Then there is Satan, who is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4).

As Christians, we have a choice as to which one we will obey, the LORD or the Devil? If we do not obey the LORD we automatically obey the Devil.

It would be far better for us if we would obey the LORD, than obey the Devil. Those who obey the LORD will spend eternity with the LORD in heaven. Those who obey the Devil will spend eternity with the Devil in hell.

This earth will not be here forever. It will pass away, and there will be a new heavens and a new earth. But, eternity in heaven will remain, and so will hell remain. People will spend eternity in either heaven or hell, the choice is theirs.

The only ones who will spend eternity in heaven are those who obey the LORD. All others will spend eternity in hell.

There is no room for anyone in heaven who is not willing to obey the LORD. Satan was in heaven at one time. But, he made the choice to prefer himself before the LORD. When pride entered into Satan’s heart, and he refused to repent, he was cast out of heaven forever. He cannot and will never spend eternity in heaven. Hell is his eternal place.

Had Satan obeyed the LORD, he would still have been in heaven today, right along with the other angels that obeyed the LORD. His unwillingness to obey the LORD caused his downfall.

Now, Christians have the opportunity to inherit eternity in heaven. Our eternal life in heaven is based upon our willingness to obey the LORD in everything.

If we love the world more than we love the LORD, we will not inherit eternity in heaven. If we love the things of this world, the love of the Father is not in us. We must not love the world or the things of this world, if we want to inherit eternity in heaven. This is made clear in 1 John 2:15-17.

That does not mean we cannot possess things in this world. God will bless us with everything we need in this world, if we will obey the LORD. All our needs will be supplied by the LORD if we will obey Him.

We need food to eat. We need clothes to wear. We need a place to live. Therefore, we can live a good life, and be blessed by the LORD in everything we do, if we **“...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...”** (Matt. 6:33).

Remember, pride and self-righteousness will keep us from experiencing the love of God in our lives. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5).

Christians Today

Many Christians think they must also suffer loss of possessions and health because Job suffered. That is a teaching that does not agree with the complete written Word of God. Jesus already bore our sickness and sorrows, our griefs and pains for us. Jesus is our substitute, He died that we could live. He took all our sorrows upon Himself that we could be free. He took the punishment that Satan tries to put upon man, that we would not need to bear our own sins, sorrows, griefs, sicknesses and diseases See Isaiah 53:4-6.

Those who do not know, or believe “the gospel of our salvation,” will suffer needlessly at the hand of Satan, just as Job did. Had Job known what Christians should know, he would not have lost all his possessions and suffered the **“sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown”** that Satan put upon him (Job 2:4-6).

Christians open the door for the attacks of Satan when they operate by **“the knowledge of good and evil”** (Gen. 2:9,17).

The knowledge of good and evil is Satan’s weapon to cause Christians to become “religious,” following rules and regulations, rather than walking in love. When Christians put themselves under the law, they are judged by the law. It is not God that judges us, it is Satan that attacks us because of our self-righteousness. Pride and self-righteousness open the door for Satan to attack us.

The LORD has already redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13). The LORD has given us power over all the works of the Devil (Luke 10:19). But, the LORD has not given us power over other people. The only power we have from the LORD is power over all the works of the Devil. This power over the works of the Devil operates through us by love.

Understand it this way. God has power over all the works of the Devil, because God is love (1 John 4:8). Sin is not of God, it is a work of the Devil, for the Devil sinned from the beginning (1 John 3:8). When we walk in love, God can use us to defeat the Devil in the lives of those whom the Devil is working through. God loves people, but God hates sin. When we walk in the likeness and image of God (which is based upon love), the Spirit of God within us will overcome the sin in the life of another person.

How do we walk in love for those who may be walking in sin? We pray for them that the LORD will deliver them from the works of the Devil. Therefore, the LORD said to Job, **“Gird up now thy loins like a man...”** (like a son of God), and pray for others that they may be delivered from the powers of Satan. Job already had authority over Satan, but did not understand that his pride and self-righteousness opened the door for Satan to attack him.

Here is wisdom if any can receive it: Jesus “took upon Himself the curse of the law” that came upon man in the garden of Eden and those who believe should be free.

The question is, must Christians suffer like Job suffered? **Absolutely not!**

Christ did not redeem us from the curse of the law so we could suffer like Job suffered. The only suffering Christians must do is that of denying the flesh so that the Holy Spirit can have control in our lives. In Romans 8:17,18 it says, **“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together...For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”**

What is this talking about when it says, **“...if so be that we suffer with him...”**? Christ was

crucified **“in the flesh”** for us (1 Peter 3:18). Therefore, we must also bring the flesh under subjection to the Spirit of God. We cannot do the things the flesh desires to do. We must deny ourselves and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. The Apostle Paul said, **“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts”** (Gal. 5:24).

God is love, and as children of God we must walk in love. When we walk in the love of God, we do it according to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which says, **“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up...does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil...does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”** (NKJV). This love is “unconditional love.” Because it is God’s love, not human love.

We must love others the same way God loves us. That is, with unconditional love. God loves us even when we do not love Him. As we walk in the love of God, God will work on our behalf and supply all our needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus.

Some say, it is not easy to walk in love toward others who come against us. It did not say in the Bible that it would be easy to serve the LORD our God in the flesh. But, if we learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit and trust in the LORD for everything, He will give us peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Crucifying the flesh is never easy, it was not easy for Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, when He prayed, **“...O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt”** (Matt. 26:39). Jesus was a man, just as we are. Hebrews 2:14 says, **“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”** Then it says in Hebrews 2:18 says, **“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”**

Jesus put the will of the Father before His own will. Even when Jesus hung upon the Cross, He said, **“...Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do”** (Luke 23:34).

When Christians understand the love of God that He has poured out upon us, we can turn to the Holy Spirit and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. In the spirit we can be comforted, knowing the will and plan of God for our lives. Then, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Phil. 4:13).

In **“The Book of Job,”** Job was not born again. Job was not filled with the Holy Spirit. Job was operating from his mind of the flesh, not from what God has revealed to Christians in the complete Bible. If Christians would understand the book of Job, they will save themselves from a lot of problems that Satan desires to put upon them.

It would have been better if Job would have taught his children to love the LORD our God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, that they would not sin against God. Then, Job could have been praying for them rather than trying to sanctifying with burnt offerings daily. Job was walking in fear that his children were sinning against God. He should have been teaching them the way of righteousness and love instead. Then pray for them, that the righteousness of God would be upon them.

When Christians try to please God by their own righteousness they get into pride and self-righteousness. This prevents God from working in their lives to help them and save their children.

God works by love, and does for us that which we cannot do. God sets us free of the works of the Devil when we walk in love one toward another. Love, never forces anyone one to do

anything. Love never tries to control what others do. As we study 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, we will understand God and how that God desires for us to live here on earth, to be good witnesses of the manifold love and grace of God toward mankind.

When we walk in love and trust in God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, God will protect and deliver us from all the works of the Devil. When we are free of the works of the Devil in our lives, God can use us to set others free.

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