

Godly Abundance and Prosperity: The Endurance of Job Pt 2

In my previous teaching in this series, “The Endurance of Job, Part 1”:

We examined the life of Job and discovered that he had done nothing wrong, there was no hidden sin which would cause the catastrophes which befell him.

We learned some of the details and consequences of the devil's attack on his life, his possessions, and his household. Not only was Job robbed of his wealth and livelihood, but many of his household servants were murdered as well. One consequence of the killing was an increase in the number of widows and fatherless.

As Job endured and held on to his integrity before God, the devil failed in his stated objective – to cause Job to curse God to His face. The consequence of this act would be the destruction of Job's life and salvation.

In part 2 of the Endurance of Job, we will examine the why the devil did not twist the legal system to falsely accuse Job of cursing God and then have him executed.

We will examine Job's life to see what is behind his endurance – how can this man of body and soul endure such unjust punishment? Why was he so strong?

Job 1:1

1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

Job had wonderful spiritual discernment to be able to determine what was good and what was evil. He consistently, habitually, stubbornly chose to turn away from evil.

Job had a godly mindset about physical wealth and riches. He had his spiritual values and priorities in the proper order. Now lets learn about Job's values.

In Job 1:20-22

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

(Turn to Matthew 6)

These are not the words of a man who worshiped or loved the works of his own hands or his own wealth. These are the words of a man who has already thought through the possibility of his wealth vanishing.

Job had a mature understanding of the unreliability of physical riches. He has lived with the knowledge and recognized that someday he would die and he would not be taking anything with him to the grave. Everything he had would be left to someone else.

Matthew 6:19

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves

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break in and steal,

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Job's treasure was God's Word. He diligently served his master, the creator of heaven and earth. He served God, not his own physical wealth or riches.

Job 23:11, 12

11 My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside.

12 I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.

(Turn to Job 28)

Job made God's will his own will. He searched out God's Word as a treasure and kept it. God's Word was more precious to him than his own portion of daily food. Remember, there was no written scriptures available when Job uttered these words.

Job 28:12

12 “But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

13 Man does not know its worth, and it is not found in the land of the living.

14 The deep says, ‘It is not in me,’ and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

15 It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire.

17 Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

Job had made God's value system, his value system. There is nothing more valuable on the earth than spiritual wisdom and understanding. Those who are truly rich, are those who have spiritual wisdom and understanding. This is true abundance and prosperity. Those people are the true millionaires and billionaires of our day and time. There is nothing in this world that can come close to the value of spiritual wisdom and understanding, which comes from God.

20 “From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?

21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air.

We must remind ourselves of the temporal context of this scripture. It was written of a time before the law, before the coming of the messiah, before the day of Pentecost. If we desire to know why wisdom and understanding is hidden, we need to understand the source of wisdom since the day of Pentecost.

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In Colossians 2:2,3 it says:

*2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,
3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Our source of spiritual wisdom and understanding is the new birth, the new creation in us, the gift of holy spirit, Christ in each of us!

In 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The god of this world, the rulers of the darkness of this age work to keep the light of the gospel of the glory (exercised power) of Christ hidden. The god of this world works hard to keep the origins of wisdom and understanding from mankind in almost every temporal context.

As Job functioned serving God, he was not blinded to the spiritual wisdom and understanding which was available in his day and time.

Return to Job 28

22 Abaddon (the place of destruction) and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

23 "God understands the way to it, and he knows its place.

24 For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.

25 When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure,

26 when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder,

27 then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out.

28 And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'"

This is the definition of wisdom and understanding in Job's day and time. As it was testified of Job in Job 1:1, he had great wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Today, we have the mind of Christ, Christ in us the hope of glory, in whom are hidden ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

Job's actions throughout the book of Job was based upon great spiritual wisdom and understanding. Holding on to his integrity was not a formula for success, it was not a ritual, it was not done out of principle without thinking. Rather, for him not to hold on to his integrity under the conditions he was in, would have been evil. Although Job did not know much about the devil and why these attacks had taken place, he knew that he needed to hold on to his integrity.

Job was strong enough to endure because he valued God's Word, spiritual wisdom and understanding above anything else in the world. This is what enabled Job to separate good from evil, and enabled him to turn away from evil.

Though the devil had robbed him of all his possessions and his health, Job remained the greatest man of the East because of his spiritual wisdom and understanding.

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Job had a sharp awareness of the presence of God in his life and he knew of the coming redeemer and the resurrection of the just. Job knew that he would be in the resurrection of the just.

Turn to Job 19

In this chapter, Job is defending himself against his friends who have come to convince him that he is to blame for all the evil that has happened to him. Job is speaking with the wisdom and the understanding that he had at that time. The functioning and moving of the devil behind the scenes was not fully revealed at that time.

I have read disparaging remarks about Job, which point out how often he refers to himself. It is stated that he justifies himself instead of God. How ridiculous! Job is defending himself, his conduct, his actions, and his service to God. How else can he do this? What other words could he possibly use? The devil, and the devil spirits that attacked Job remain to this day, and they continue to hate Job, and they continue to inspire words and speech against this wonderful man of God.

Job 19:1

1 *Then Job answered and said:*

2 *“How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?*

3 *These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me?*

Job has been assaulted and unjustly accused by his three friends who were supposed to strengthen and comfort him. It's three against one sick and hurt man. His friends were convinced, as many are today, that evil circumstances and challenges are due to sin in the one so afflicted. Do you see how sin consciousness can influence well meaning people to be mean and cruel? These three men were not ashamed to be attacking Job when he was down.

4 *And even if it be true that I have erred, my error remains with myself.*

5 *If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my disgrace an argument against me,* Job's friends believed that his circumstances was evidence of his wrongdoing and sin.

6 *know then that God (we now understand that this is the god of this world) has put me in the wrong and closed his net about me.*

It is the spiritual attack of the devil that makes Job appear to be wicked and sinful. The cause of the attacks remain hidden, so that God and the man of God can be falsely accused, blamed, and disgraced.

7 *Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice.*

The devil is the cause of the injustice.

8 *He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.*

Job has had change forced upon him. He is obstructed from functioning as he used to function. He used to clearly see his way forward.

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9 *He has stripped from me my glory and taken the crown from my head.*

His exercised power seems to have ceased – because he is spiritually attacked, obstructed; he is in a battle for his life.

10 *He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree.*

Given what he states later, this is not the hope of the resurrection which is pulled up.

11 *He has kindled his wrath against me and counts me as his adversary.*

12 *His troops come on together; they have cast up their siege ramp against me and encamp around my tent.*

Job understands that there are spiritual forces arrayed against him.

13 *“He has put my brothers far from me, and those who knew me are wholly estranged from me.*

14 *My relatives have failed me, my close friends have forgotten me.*

Even Jobs family, near and distant have turned away from him as if he were accursed and polluted.

15 *The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger;*

I have become a foreigner in their eyes.

16 *I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer; I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.*

Those he had helped and had strengthen and employed counted him as unclean, accursed and polluted.

17 *My breath is strange to my wife, and I am a stench to the children of my own mother.*

He has become strange to his wife. His brothers regard him as an unclean smell.

18 *Even young children despise me; when I rise they talk against me.*

19 *All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me.*

All these things were moved and inspired by the devil against Job. This horrible behavior is what it is to be conformed to this world. People are trained and taught to think and behave in this manner. Remember the stated purpose of the devil's attacks is to get Job to curse God to His face. This is how the devil does his work. This is how he works today!

20 *My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.*

21 *Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God (the god of this world) has touched me!*

22 *Why do you, like God (the god of this world), pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?*

These men, his friends were without mercy. They were not satisfied with the attacks against him so far. With good intentions, they proceeded to grind Job down even further.

23 *“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!*

24 *Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!*

It is thrilling to realize that God answered this cry from the anguish in Job's heart, and brought it to

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pass!

Next Job declares his confidence and hope in the promise of the coming Redeemer!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in (without) my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

We have the hope of the return of Christ, when he returns for us and we receive our new bodies.

The knowledge that the impact of our work and service goes on beyond the grave and into eternity engenders great strength and endurance.

My heart faints within me!

28 If you say, 'How we will pursue him!' and, 'The root of the matter is found in him,'

His friends are relentless in their effort to convince Job that he is the cause of these attacks against him.

29 be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment."

Now, here is a prophecy spoken by Job, warning his friends. This is not spoken out of anger or meanness. He is kindly warning them not to continue their attacks. Well, why shouldn't he? There is no other functioning man of God around to warn his friends and they need to be warned!

Remember that the sword in the spirit is the Word of God. We will see if this prophecy comes to pass or not.

Job continues to have a clear perception of who he is in his relationship with God. He has no sin consciousness.

He knows that the promised redeemer will raise him from the dead.

Job has clear spiritual perception of good and evil and continues to turn from evil.

These things have strengthened Job to be able to endure and defend himself through these very personal, unjust, devilish attacks.

Job is not born again, and does not have a clear perception of the devil, yet he has enough strength to stand against the attacks of the enemy.

Job lost his employment, his livelihood and all his wealth

His physical abilities have been taken from him

His marriage has changed

ALL his children have died violently

Many of his employees have died violently

He has had his social status stolen from him, he has been made a mockery, a disgrace, a blemish in the community

His relationship with his family, both close and extended, has been stolen from him

Everyone knows that he has done something wrong and that God is punishing him.

Yet Job continues to endure and to retain his integrity. He speaks out, defending himself against

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the unjust accusations from his friends.

(Turn to Job 29)

Now, let's see how Job conducted himself before these attacks took place. Why is the devil so interested in destroying Job? Why didn't the devil just have Job executed by using bribery and false witnesses?

Job 29

1 *And Job again took up his discourse, and said:*

2 *“Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me,*

3 *when his lamp shone upon my head, and by his light I walked through darkness,*

4 *as I was in my prime, when the friendship of God was upon my tent,*

5 *when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were all around me,*

6 *when my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!*

Job and God had a wonderful relationship. Job treasured the friendship of God; that is how familiar they were with each other and how they loved each other.

Job is speaking from the anguish and hurt of his heart. It seems like his best days are behind him. It feels like God is far from him. Little does he know, his best days are ahead of him!

When we men talk fondly about our recent past, or about our lives, it is usually about our employment, our careers, our businesses. Do you notice what Job talks about? It is his relationship with God and how they functioned together! It is about the blessings that God blessed him with! First and foremost, Job was a man of God, a servant of God. That is his passion, his treasure – Job's heart is with God.

7 *When I went out to the gate of the city, when I prepared my seat in the square,*

This is where the “elders of the gate” gathered. The elders of the gate would handle local matters of justice, disputes and public business.

8 *the young men saw me and withdrew, and the aged rose and stood;*

9 *the princes refrained from talking and laid their hand on their mouth;*

10 *the voice of the nobles was hushed, and their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.*

This is where the leadership of the community gathered to do their civic business. Job had an esteemed position among them.

11 *When the ear heard, it called me blessed, and when the eye saw, it approved,*

Why?

12 *because I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help him.*

13 *The blessing of him who was about to perish (murder by way of injustice) came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.*

These people in verses 12 and 13 are all relatively helpless in the world. They are a prey for the devil who roams the earth seeking whom he may devour.

Why would the devil want to pick on these people?

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Since there was no welfare, no social security, no life insurance in their day, a man had the responsibility to accumulate savings in livestock, land and money for retirement and in event that he would die. So a widow and the fatherless usually had some resources that had been put aside. It would not be unusual for the poor to have some land for their food.

The attacks on Job had just produced a good number of widows and the fatherless. The devil planned to take ALL the physical resources, land and savings that these people had put aside, including themselves and their freedom. He was planing to strip them clean of everything like a plague of locusts. All this was being done to nourish the wicked from the dust of the earth as spoken in Genesis 3. The way this is accomplished is through the injustice of corrupt courts, extortion, and outright robbery.

There is just one thing wrong with the devils plans. There is one man obstructing these plans of injustice. It is the man of God, Job. Job did not allow this kind of evil injustice to function in his area. His work was very much approved as indicated by verse 11.

Proverbs 13:22 and 23 say:

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

They worked hard to leave an inheritance even to their grandchildren.

23 The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice.

The poor are victims because they usually have no influence with the courts, which requires money and reputation.

Job 29:14

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.

When Job functioned there was justice done. He could not be corrupted and bribed. He could not be swayed or influence to do wrong by peoples talk or opinion or threats or curses or devil spirit influence. The functioning of devil spirits of iniquity, perverse spirits, slumber, error and murder among others were shut down.

15 I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame.

It was so bad for the devil, that even those who were physically attacked so as to be completely helpless were still able to function – because of Job. The impact of these physical attacks by the spirits of infirmity were negated because the man of God Job continued to function.

But wait, there is MORE!

16 I was a father to the needy, and I searched out the cause of him whom I did not know.

Job was as a father to those in need, and he had the wisdom to know what need was. He made a diligent search for causes of those he did not know. He turned over rocks, he shined light into the dark corners, looking to make sure that there was no evil functioning around him, Thats not all, there is more!

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17 I broke the fangs of the unrighteous and made him drop his prey from his teeth.

Job would catch the unrighteous in their evil acts, no matter how hidden in darkness they were. He FORCED the unrighteous to release their prey, still living from their teeth. They had no choice in the matter! Job, serving with the power of God could not be resisted. Job did not stop there. He BROKE the FANGS of the unrighteous. He made sure that the unrighteous were unable to allow evil to function in their lives any longer. The devil spirits were no longer able to freely function around Job. He stood in the gap against the devil spirit realm and shut them down in every category of life.

This is why the devil had to do something about Job. This is why Job had to be murdered and destroyed. But the devil could not get to Job locally – the spirits had been shut down. That is why two foreign bands of marauders and the natural environment had to be used against Job. That is why the devil had to pressure and persecute Job indirectly to curse God to His face.

18 *Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand,
19 my roots spread out to the waters, with the dew all night on my branches,
20 my glory fresh with me, and my bow ever new in my hand.'*

Yes, Job was blessed and edified. He was not wrong to be so thankful.

21 *“Men listened to me and waited and kept silence for my counsel.*

22 *After I spoke they did not speak again, and my word dropped upon them.*

23 *They waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths as for the spring rain.*

This includes the princes, nobles and elders mentioned earlier. What a blessing Job was to them! When they were listening to the Godly wisdom Job imparted to them, they were not listening to the wisdom of the world. The devil could not get in to join the conversation.

24 I smiled on them when they had no confidence, and the light of my face they did not cast down. The Lamsa Bible translates verse 24 as follows:

“If I ridiculed them, they did not take offense; and they did not turn from the light of my countenance.”

25 *I chose their way and sat as chief, and I lived like a king among his troops,
like one who comforts mourners.*

As he served, Job was able to help and counsel the leaders where he lived. Job's life, his physical riches and spiritual riches were all used to serve God by serving and caring for those in his community, as God would have them served. Primarily, he backed off the unrighteous workers of iniquity, and stopped them from harming those who could not defend themselves. He was a source of Godly wisdom to the community leaders.

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Job suffered intense pressure from the twisted words spoken by those who should have been strengthening and comforting him. There were four men who spoke against him, attempting to convince Job that he was the cause of the calamities which had occurred against him.

(Turn to Job 38)

At the last, God spoke to Job. Everything I have read about this section indicates that God was rebuking or reproofing Job, as if he did not speak things which were right about God. This point of view just does not fit with the other statements which God testified about Job, both at the beginning of this book and at the end.

Chapter 37 concludes the speech of Elihu, the fourth miserable comforter. His thesis is like the other men – Job, you did something wrong, now repent and learn from these events.

In Chapter 38, God begins to speak:

1 *Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:*

God is addressing Job by revelation

2 *“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?*

God is addressing Job, but is He speaking about Job?

Who was just speaking before God spoke? It was Elihu!

3 *Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.*

4 *“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.*

This refers back to verse 2, the “Who is this...?”, which refers to Elihu, not Job.

Turn to Job 40:1

1 *And the Lord said to Job:*

2 *“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.”*

Was Job finding fault with God? Well, for the answer to that question, we will read the testimony of God, later in the last chapter.

3 *Then Job answered the Lord and said:*

4 *“Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.*

5 *I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”*

Job is going to shut up and listen.

6 *Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:*

7 *“Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.*

8 *Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?*

9 *Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?*

Did Job say anything remotely close to condemning God so that he could be right? No! This refers back to the faultfinder – him who is arguing with God. That is the one who is to answer!

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By the end of chapter 41, God has revealed the ruler of the devil spirit realm, the god of this world, the devil, and has taught that no resources in the senses realm can stand against him or his attacks.

Turn to chapter 42:1

1 *Then Job answered the Lord and said:*

2 *“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

3 *‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.*

4 *‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’*

5 *I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;*

6 *therefore I despise myself, and repent (the text reads and am comforted) in dust and ashes.”*

Job had been taught about God, he had been guided by God, but he had never had revelation in this manner before. Job did not have to wait for the resurrection to clearly perceive God!

It is clear from his speeches before that Job did not have a completely clear understanding of what was happening to him. Even so, he stayed steadfast to what he knew to be true, what he did understand. Now God was beginning to give him greater spiritual understanding.

7 *After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.*

So, was Job finding fault with God? Was he arguing with God? According to the testimony of God, no he was not!

Remember that Job had warned his friends (back in chapter 19:28, 29) about the sword and punishment.

Job 19:28, 29

My heart faints within me!

28 *If you say, ‘How we will pursue him!’ and, ‘The root of the matter is found in him,’*

29 *be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment.”*

God continues, revealing their remedy:

8 *Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.”*

9 *So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them, and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.*

Job had not yet been restored when he prayed for his friends. Not only did God heal these men, but he restored and healed any ill will and hurt that remained between them. God taught Job's friends that Job was not defiled, he remained respectable! This action healed Job's relationship

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with his family and community.

10 And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

God taught Job's friends that Job was not defiled, he remained respectable! After God accepted Job's prayer for his friends, Job's relationship with his family and community was repaired and restored as well.

11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.
Up until this time, his bothers and sisters and former friends had avoided him. They did not come near him until now.

12 And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.
God worked with Job so he was twice as effective as he was before. Remember how he had conducted himself before and why the devil was so mad at him? Well, Job was even more effective at standing against the functioning of the unrighteous and the devil spirit realm.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
He did not have 14 sons and 6 daughters, because the 10 previous children would be with Job in the resurrection. At that time he will have the blessing of 14 sons and 6 daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations.

17 And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

This book of Job was the first book, the first written scripture. God answered Job's prayers; He was so proud of His friend Job that he had this book written so we could know about God's goodness and mercy, about Job's endurance and steadfastness, and about the evil of the devil.

God has certainly encouraged us and equipped us to endure with great strength. He has shown us the nature and effectiveness of the impact that we have as we stand faithful to what we know. It is God that empowers us and fights for us as we stand.

God is the source of our godly abundance and prosperity, the spiritual wisdom, knowledge and

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understanding which we have in Christ – as it is written in

Colossians 2:3

3 in whom (Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

This wisdom and knowledge is truly a great treasure, and we have full access to it.

Now we can see the truth, that the born again believers, including you and me, are in reality the richest people in the world. We don't have to see ourselves as impoverished, but wealthy. Our paychecks our possessions are not the standard of prosperity and wealth.

Godly abundance and prosperity is yours, right now, and it is in you. No one can take it away from you. Enjoy your treasures!