

“Facing Loss With A Right View of God”

Job 1:12-22

Intro: The flooding in the Midwest, wild fires in California, homes lost along with almost all possessions – gone. How is a person supposed to cope. On a smaller scale, we each face losses in our lives: loss of family members, friends, finances, possessions. Does God’s Word speak to this situation?

What did Job lose?

1. Livestock and animals – _____
2. Children - _____
3. All but four servants - _____

I. It is appropriate to _____ (20a)

- Job _____ his sorrow
- Job _____ himself in God

II. It is necessary to _____ (20b-21)

- Remember who we are - _____
- Remember who He is - _____
- Remember why we are here - _____
(Jeremiah 18:2-6, Isaiah 45:9-10)

III. It is possible to sorrow without _____ (22)

- Did not _____
 - No blaming, challenging authority, etc.

Conclusion – Sorrow is a _____ part of life in this world. The Christian must not pretend that sorrow does not exist, yet must not sorrow as “those without hope.” We must honor God in all things.

“When God’s People Work Together”

Exodus 35-36:

Intro – How do we respond when we’re asked to do something difficult? What about when God calls us to do the impossible? Reach the stubborn sinner with the gospel, meeting needs in our family? Serving God when we are tired, weak, worn out and abused?

I. The Task: 1) Take _____ off (1-3)

2) Only accept from a _____ (4-5)

3) Collect _____ of stuff (6-19)

4) Put it all _____ (25-26, 30-35)

II. Problems: 1) Not enough _____

2) Not enough _____

3) Not enough willing _____

4) The task is _____

III. Excuses: 1) We’re only _____

2) We don’t have much

3) We can’t get it done

IV. God’s Answer – Everyone works _____!

- God gives His people _____
 - Materials (36:4-7; 38:24-29)
 - Abilities (35:25-26, 30-36:2)

Conclusion – Sometimes, God calls us to great tasks. Sometimes, the tasks may not seem great, yet too much for us to bear. We need to remember that where God has called, we can trust God to supply what is needed through His family.

JOB

Intro: Taken or burned up, killed, killed

- I. Express Sorrow, showed, consoled
- II. Honor God, creation, creator, honor God, Bless God
- III. Sin, charge God foolishly

Conclusion: natural

EXODUS

Intro:

- I. 1 day, willing heart, a lot, together
- II. time, stuff, people, too big
- III. slaves
- IV. together, more than enough