

“DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER, AND IF SO, WHY” [Conclusion]

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INTRO: In today’s message we’re going to conclude this series by covering chapters 38-42.

GOD’S SPEECH TO JOB & JOB’S DISMAL RESPONSE (38-41)

- A. It’s time for Job to buck up and answer God (38:1-3).
- B. God challenges Job’s knowledge of creation (38:4-39:30).
- C. God is still waiting for Job to answer (40:1-2, 6-8).
- D. Job’s answer: **“I am and know nothing!”** (40:3-5).
- E. God further describes His amazing creation (40:9-41:34).

JOB’S REPENTANCE & RESTORATION (chapter 42)

A. Job’s Repentant Response to God (vv. 1-6).

“I didn’t know what I was talking about and repent.”

B. God’s Response to Job’s 3 Friends (vv. 7-9) – God was angry because they didn’t accurately represent God.

- 1. God required Job’s 3 friends to offer a sacrifice and have Job pray for them (vv. 8-9).

C. Job’s Restoration (vv. 10-17).

- 1. Job’s suffering likely lasted from a few months to less than a year (Job 7:3; 29:2; 30:16, 27).
- 2. God restored Job’s losses (including respect) and gave him twice as much as he had before (vv. 10-17; see also Ex. 22:1, 4; Zech. 9:12b; Prov. 6:30-31; John 10:10).

D. Let’s believe God for recovery and restoration (1Sam. 30:18; Joel 2:23-32)!

SUFFERING IN THE NEW COVENANT (Romans 8:28-39)

- A. All things work together for good (v. 28).
- B. If God is for us, who can be against us (v. 31)?
- C. Nothing can separate us from God’s love (vv. 35, 38-39).
- D. In all these things we are more than conquerors (v. 39).

CONCLUSION: 1) No matter what adversity face, resolve to worship, trust & serve God & maintain your integrity! 2) We shouldn’t assume when someone is suffering, they must have done something to deserve it. Is there anyone you need to make things right with? Do you need some restoration in your life? May the Lord bless your latter days more than the former (Job 42:12)!