

## ***The Mistaken Understanding.***

Job. 32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because **he was righteous in his own eyes.**

Note: It is said that Job was self righteous. Who wrote this narrative? Moses.

Those prayers were heard. Could his eyes have been opened, he would have seen the messengers of God, pure, holy angels, bending lovingly over him, shedding their light around him, and preparing to bear his petition to the throne of the Highest. The long years spent amid desert solitudes were not lost. Not only was Moses gaining a preparation for the great work before him, but during this time, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, **he wrote the book of Genesis and also the book of Job**, which would be read with the deepest interest by the people of God until the close of time. ST February 19, 1880, Art. A, par. 14

Job. 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. . . 1:8;2:3, 10 . . . In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Note: Moses wrote this also. For more details on Job see his section in the latter part of this [JamestheLessorJob](#)

### ***We Can Look to Moses for what he Meant by “he was righteous in his own eyes.”***

Due. 6:25 And it shall **be our righteousness, if we observe to do** all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath **commanded** us. 24:13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and **it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.**

Lev. 11:44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore **sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy:** neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 20:7 **Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.** 8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you. Josh. 3:5;7:13;1Sam. 16:5; 1Chron. 15:12; 2Chron. 29:5; 35:6.

Due. 18:13 **Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.** Matt. 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Note: Moses spake of Job's faith, that he being tried and knew he was righteous for doing what God had asked of him. Dauid's inspiration, caused him to exclaim his faith in Ps. 7:8;18:20,24. "11 Behold, **we count them happy which endure. Ye**

**have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.**” James 5:9. Isaiah said: “5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: . . . 64:4. This is what Paul referred to as ceasing from our own works in Heb. 4:10. “6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, **ye are in heaviness** through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much **more precious than of gold** that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” 1Peter 1. “12 Beloved, **think it not strange concerning** the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” 1Peter 4:

## ***Now We are prepared to understand***

### ***Job's own statements of Faith.***

Job. 23:10 But he knoweth ***the way that I take***: . . . 27:4 . . . ***till I die I will not remove*** mine integrity from me. . . . 6 My righteousness ***I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me*** so long as I live. 31:6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, ***that God may know mine integrity.***

Note: Behold the certainty of Job, that he was on the right Path. James 5:9 “Ye have heard of the patience of Job” 1Peter 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; Ps. 44:18 Our heart is not turned back, ***neither have our steps declined from thy way***; 119:51 The **proud have had me greatly in derision**; ***yet have I not declined from thy law.*** 172. All thy commandments are righteousness. . .

### ***Job's Experience Explained in Jesus's.***

Heb. 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet ***learned he obedience*** by the things which he suffered;

5:9 And ***being made perfect***, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and ***became obedient*** unto death, even the death of the cross.

1 John. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ***ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.***

3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him ***purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*** 1Tim. 5:22. James 1:27.

2Cor.7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us *cleanse ourselves* from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, *perfecting holiness* in the fear of God.

13:9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and *this also we wish, even your perfection.*

13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. *Be perfect*, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *Cleanse your hands*, ye sinners; and *purify your hearts*, ye double minded.

Rev. 3:21 *To him that overcometh* will I grant to sit with me in my throne, *even as I also overcame*, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

*Righteous Job* moans because of his afflictions and pleads his own cause *when unjustly* accused by one of his comforters. He says: "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth." 3T 518.4

### *Job's Victory.*

Such was the fruit manifest in the life of *that righteous man* of whom God himself declared, "There is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man." *Job says*, "I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. *I put on righteousness, and it clothed me*: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out." HM July 1, 1891, par. 4

Job. 23:10 But *he knoweth the way that I take*: when he hath tried me, *I shall come forth as gold.* 11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. 12 Neither have I gone back from the *commandment* of his lips; *I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.* 27:4 *My lips* shall not speak wickedness, nor *my tongue* utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you: *till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.* 6 *My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.* 31:6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, *that God may know mine integrity.*

Note: Moses wrote this. The Righteousness of God became his. "My heart shall not reproach me," "Beloved, *if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.* 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we *keep his*

*commandments, and do* those things that are pleasing in his sight.” 1John 3:21. Due. 6:25 above. “I shall come forth as gold.” 1Peter 1:7 quoted above. 1Cor. 16:13 Eph. 6:13,14.

1John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: *he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.* Ps. 7:8;18:20,24;Rev. 22:11.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. *If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but *every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*

Job. 42:7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: *for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.* 8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: *for him will I accept:* lest I deal with you after your folly, in that *ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.*

Note: Moses wrote this.

Eze. 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, *they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness,* saith the Lord GOD. . . 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, *as I live,* saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; *they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.*

Note: Deliver none but their own souls by their righteousness is a righteousness that is salvational. Rev. 19:8.

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Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you;* good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Matt. 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch *as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Rom. 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Matt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but ***he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.***  
22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Note: The Book of Job exposes the opposing theology between Job and his friends, that has existed in the church throughout human probation. This book shows that the 10 commandments were in place 430 years before Moses. Proving that they existed in Gen. 26:5 all the way back to Adam.

In these days of peril those who have been unfaithful in their duties in life, and whose mistakes and sins of neglect are registered against them in the book in Heaven, unrepented of and unforgiven, will be overcome by Satan. Every one is to be tested and severely tried. Satan will exert all his energies, and call to his aid his evil host, who will exercise all their experience, artifice, and cunning, to deceive souls and wrest them from the hands of Jesus Christ. ***He makes them believe they may be unfaithful in the minor duties of life, and God will not see, God will not notice; but that Being who numbers the hairs of our head, and marks the fall of the little sparrow, notices every deviation from truth, every departure from honor and integrity in both secular and religious things.*** These errors and sins corrupt the man, and disqualify him for the society of heavenly angels. By his defiled character he has placed himself under the flag of Satan. The arch deceiver has power over this class. The more exalted their profession, the more honorable the position they have held, the more grievous their course in the sight of God, the more sure the triumph of Satan. These will have no shelter in the time of Jacob's trouble. Their sins will then appear of such magnitude that they will have no confidence to pray, no heart to wrestle as did Jacob. On the other hand, those who have been of like passion, erring and sinful in their lives, but who have repented of their sins, and in genuine sorrow confessed them, will have pardon written against their names in the heavenly records. They will be hid 'in the day of the Lord's anger. Satan will attack this class, but like Jacob they have taken hold of the strength of God, and true to his character he is at peace with them, and sends angels to comfort and bless and sustain them in their time of peril. The time of Jacob's trouble will test every one, and distinguish the genuine Christian from the one who is so only in name. ST November 27, 1879, par. 6

Joseph gave the credit of his prosperity to the Lord, and his master believed that the Lord was with him, and that he caused all that he did to prosper. Thus God was glorified by the faithfulness of his servant. The confidence which Potiphar

reposed in Joseph daily increased, until he promoted him to be his steward, placing him in charge of all his affairs. ***But fiery trials were to test still more severely the faith and integrity of Joseph.*** The morals of the Egyptians were very low. His master's wife was a licentious woman, and now a temptation to deviate from the path of right, to transgress the law of God, is presented before the youthful exile. His future welfare depends upon the decision of the moment. Will Satan triumph? Will principle now garrison Joseph's heart? Will he now have the fear of God before him? Will he be loyal and true to the divine law? Angels were regarding this servant of God with intense interest. The elevating power of religious principle was evidenced in his answer to his master's wife. After speaking of the great confidence which his master had reposed in him by trusting him with all he had, he exclaims, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ST January 8, 1880, Art. A, par. 4

In this work there will be many temptations that ***will test whatever integrity and strength of religious principles and habits*** young men have acquired. MC 61.2

***The whole period of life is a brief season of trial.*** Those who engage in a work so important as the canvassing work must constantly guard self, lest Satan obtain the advantage. A multitude of petty temptations will assail the one whom the Lord is testing, and if he stands firm as a rock to principle it is because he makes the Lord God his trust every moment. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Romans 13:14. Let the sincere cry of the soul be, "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth." The work is halting because gospel principles are disregarded by so many who claim to be following Christ. Some have brought themselves and their families into most distressing circumstances through poor management in book-canvassing. They have run in debt, and have borrowed money of men not of our faith. MC 61.3

Both worlds are before you. Which will you choose? Be wise and lay hold of eternal life. ***Swerve not from your integrity, however unpleasant your duties may appear in the present emergency.*** It may seem that you are about to make great sacrifices to preserve your purity of soul, but do not hesitate; press forward in the fear of God, and ***He will bless your efforts and recompense you a thousandfold.*** Do not yield your religious claims and privileges ***in order to gratify the wishes of your unconsecrated friends and relatives.*** ***You are called to take your position for the truth, even if it should be in direct opposition to those who are closely connected with you. God forbid that this last trial should ever come to you, to test and prove your integrity for the right.*** 4T 117.2

***Especially are the mother's*** moments priceless; her work will be tested in the solemn day of accounts. Then it will be found that many of the failures and crimes of men and women have resulted from the ignorance and gross neglect of those

whose duty it was to guide their childish feet in the right way. Then it will be found that many who have blessed the world with the light of genius and truth and holiness, owe the staunch principles and integrity that were the mainspring of their usefulness and success to the careful religious training of a praying Christian mother. HR March 1, 1877, par. 6

*Dear children*, every day that passes into eternity brings us one day nearer our heavenly home. It is ours to fight the battles of life in such a manner that we may win the crown of glory. We are every day losing or gaining in spiritual knowledge. We have had a checkered experience during the thirty years of our religious experience. We have learned that we must be advancing or we will be going back. You both prize highly the beauty of integrity and you have decided to cultivate it, but when put to the test the trial may be greater than you thought, and you may be in danger of discouragement. But keep steadily to the point. Let nothing swerve you from your duty. You will make a success if you will be persevering and patient and determined in your efforts. Temptations you will meet, to allure from your grand purpose, but oh, how dreadful it would be to fail! As young combatants for the crown of eternal life, you may both win. But you will, in the providence of God, meet with test upon test. If you bear the proving of God, rich will be your reward. Jesus has provided strength for you, whereby you may overcome. You are to trust Him, to believe Him, to love Him, making Him the first and best in everything. 1LtMs, Lt 26a, 1868, par. 2

It is impossible for you to retain uprightness and untarnished integrity amid the manifold trials of life unless your souls are in harmony with God. Faith in Jesus, precious Saviour, will bring to you help and strength and power. Ever be loyal to your sense of right. No motive can be sufficient to move you from the straight path of duty. Never sell your principles for money, for position, or for friendship. Jesus has claims upon you. He has bought you with an infinite price. Surrender yourselves wholly to Him, soul, body, and spirit. Lay upon His altar a living sacrifice. The neglect of cultivating moral principles opens the door for entire apostasy. Cultivate the traits of character wherein you are deficient. Jesus, precious Saviour, is your ever present help in time of need. Jesus wants you to be happy. 1LtMs, Lt 26a, 1868, par. 3

The Bible should not be brought into our schools to be sandwiched in between infidelity. The Bible must be made the groundwork and subject-matter of education. It is true that we know much more of the word of the living God than we knew in the past, but there is still much more to be learned. It should be used as the word of the living God and esteemed as first, and last, and best in everything. Then will be seen true spiritual growth. ***The students will develop healthy, religious characters; because they eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God.*** But, unless watched and nurtured, the health of the soul decays.

Keep in the channel of light. Study the Bible. *Those who serve God faithfully will be blessed. He who permits no faithful work to go unrewarded will crown every act of loyalty and integrity with special tokens of his love and approbation*—Test., “The Bible in Our Schools.” PH081 21.2

The word of God is to stand as the highest educating book in our world, and is to be treated with reverential awe. It is our guide book; we shall receive from it the truth. We need to present the Bible as the great lesson book, to place it in the hands of our children and youth, that they may know Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal. It is the book to be studied by those of middle age and those who are aged.—Special Testimonies on Education, 233. PH081 21.3

If used as a text-book in our schools, it will be found far more effective than any other book in the world.—Christian Education, 108. PH081 22.1

The word of God is the most perfect educational book in our world.—Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers 6:19. PH081 22.2

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