**Holy Spirit: From Chaos To Order**

**Let God Speak – The Story Of Job: Part 3**

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# SERMON DESCRIPTION/BACKGROND

In the story of Job, we see the story of Christ, and the message of the resurrection. God is the giver, sustainer, and the reasoning for life itself. It is through His wisdom and understanding of Holy Spirit that we see God as He is. He moves us from glory to glory, from natural to spiritual and from death to life by revelation. Let God speak!

In the Book of Job, we read a story of the impact of a cosmic conversation between God and Satan and how it played out in the life of a righteous man named Job. Clearly, Holy Spirit wants us to understand how the natural and spiritual world intersect each other and that God is involved in the lives of His people. It is not far-fetched to understand that we must see ourselves in this man named Job and ultimately see our loving heavenly Father as He is and how He works through His Holy Spirit.

The story begins with the Sons of God presenting themselves before God Himself. This was a cosmic meeting of archangels and angels but Satan himself arrived at the gathering. Whether he was personally invited or not, it is understood that there is reason for him to believe that he has permission to be there and even to speak.

God questions his whereabouts and what he has been up to, as if to suggest that God does not know all things, but He questions Satan, nonetheless. Within the dialogue, God points out Job’s excellency in righteousness and that he serves God with all his heart. In fact, God says, “There's no one like him in the earth, and that he is perfect and upright.”

Satan is aware of Job, and he understood that Job could not be touched because of God’s protection. God hedges him about on all sides, making him off limits. He indicates to God that the only reason Job serves him is because of the great blessing and protection around his life. Satan’s message to God was very clear, “remove your protection and you will see the real Job”. God accepts the challenge and Satan is allowed to test Job and make his life miserable; however, Satan was not free to do whatever he wanted; he is bound by the limitations that God establishes. Satan was not allowed to kill Job. Satan is allowed to touch Job’s life and bring calamity upon him. In two separate meetings, Satan unleashed his wickedness against Job through the death of his loved ones, financial ruin and even sickness.

Amid his horrible suffering, some of Jobs’ friends come to comfort him; however, their words fail, and they do little to heal his heart, soul, and life. Job is left to question his plight and under the massive pressure he even questions God and His ways. Although Job never curses God, his words against the Almighty are harsh at times.

But before God speaks to Job out of a whirlwind a different comforter comes – a man named Elihu. Elihu represents the spirit-filled man and brings a message of hope and speaks most accurately concerning God. In fact, God only speaks after Elihu delivers his message to Job. He is the only comforter that does not displease God.

After Elihu speaks, God comes upon the scene, and we hear from God Himself. However, Elihu is different than all of Job’s other friends because he is the spirit filled man. It is as if he prepares the way of the Lord and makes way for God to speak to Job. He speaks on behalf of God and brings a message of hope and comfort and the reality of the true nature of God. This is what the Holy Spirit does in our lives, He searches the deep things and reveals the Father and Christ to the child of God.

# OPENING LINE

***One “word” from God changes everything. Let God speak!***

# INTRODUCTION

At some point in our lives, we will or have undergone some sort of medical test such as an ultrasound or an MRI. The purpose of these tests is to go deep within the body to discover things that may be hidden from the naked eye. At times, medical issues are so disguised that they are asymptomatic, or in other words, we may not even have pain or discomfort, but it is nonetheless present. However, modern technology and imaging reveal things that would never have been known.

This is what Holy Spirit does in the life of the believer; He reveals the things that are unknown, unfelt, and even undiscovered. This is not to suggest that it is always a negative thing but often, it is. Therefore, Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God as well as the depths of the human heart.

# MAIN PASSAGE

**Job 38:1-3**

1 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: 2 “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? 3 Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.

**1Corinthians 2:10-12**

10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. 12 And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

**TRANSITION STATEMENT**

***When life does not make sense, God speaks into the chaos***

# MAIN POINTS

God’s ultimate plan in this story is to reveal Himself in a greater measure to Job and to bring him from just hearing to seeing. God was not looking for sin in Job’s life but rather to unearth and destroy the power of self in Job’s faith walk.

In some ways, Job served God out of fear instead of love and faith. Job 3:25 states, *“For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.”*

His intent was to avoid the displeasure of God by ensuring he did the right thing. In and of itself, this is not a bad motivator, but Job had more trust in his ability to do the right thing than to rely on the grace and goodness of God.

# CENTRAL TRUTH

In the testing of Job, it was not that God was looking for flagrant sin and horrible behavior but rather the subtleties of self-sufficiency and self-reliance and self-confidence that is disguised deep within our heart.

God allowed his life to become chaotic to draw his attention to his faulty belief system and the reality of God’s character. The Lord revealed Himself to Job in a greater measure and set him in a higher place where his eyes were opened. The end of Job’s life was greater than his beginning because he saw God in a deeper dimension. Through the spoken word and the breath of the Holy Spirit, Job was restored and exalted to a higher level in the Spirit.

LET GOD speak!

1. **The story of Job**
2. Articulates how God faithfully deals and interacts with His people, always with their best interest at heart
3. God describes Job as a good man, an upright individual who shuns evil, but in this story, we see how Holy Spirit takes a righteous man and brings him into a greater understanding of love and grace
4. The end of those who relate to God will always be greater than their beginning. It is a story of:

* Suffering with purpose
* Vindication
* Blessing
* Resurrection
* Dying to self and living for Christ.

Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible and takes place between Abraham and Joshua. This book is about how God personally deals with His people through Holy Spirit. Job is highlighted as an upright individual with incredible character and commitment to God. However, when Job is tested, the reality of his humanity and the pressure of disease and suffering reveal self-righteousness, self-vindication and even rebellion against God. Job struggles with the concept of suffering because he considered all the good that he had done and how he had served God. How could these things possibly be happening to him of all people? After all, he had done everything possible to avoid this very thing from happening and yet here he was. How could a just God allow this to happen?

1. **When the best of intentions brings no comfort at all**
2. Job’s friends, known as his “comforters”, came to provide some sort of awareness to the circumstances he was going through
3. The friends fail to bring about God's ultimate wisdom and perspective
4. Their primary message was that Job had done something wrong and therefore had called all this calamity upon himself
5. They try to represent the ***best that men can be to God*,** but that is not enough

* **They represent the message of wisdom, wealth, and pleasure from the world's perspective**
* ***We need the COMFORTER not comforters***
* Their message was flawed, and Job saw through it

1. God was displeased at their arguments and message
2. He rebuked them for misrepresenting Him to Job
3. Even Job’s wife, told him to curse God and die

1. In his agony, Job found no comfort in those that were the closest to him
2. For the believer, it is useless to try and find sense and revelation in the wisdom of humanity, it can only be found through the voice, the leading, and the guidance of Holy Spirit.

* ***Holy Spirit is the only one that understands the heart and mind of God, He is the only one that can speak order into the chaos and bring the message out of the mess.***

1. **Let the “Spirit filled” man speak – “Elihu**”
2. The message of Elihu (to Job) is different than that of his other friends - his purpose is to represent God. He is the spirit filled man within the story, he represents all that is good about God, he reveals:

* God's moral government
* God’s highest standards
* That God is always communicating and speaking to His people in various ways and methods

Job 33:14-16

14 For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falls upon men, While slumbering on their beds,

16 Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction.

* That God is always faithful.

1. ***Elihu represents God at His best***
2. His message is inspiring, godly, and uplifting
3. May God fill your life with many Elihu’s

**Job 32:8**

But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

**Job 33:4**

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

**Job 33:12-14**

12 "But let me tell you, Job, you're wrong, dead wrong! God is far greater than any human. 13 So how dare you haul him into court, and then complain that he won't answer your charges? 14 God always answers, one way or another, even when people don't recognize his presence. (The Message)

**Job 33:29-30**

29 "This is the way God works. Over and over again 30 He pulls our souls back from certain destruction so we'll see the light—and live in the light! (The Message)

1. What is the Holy Spirit desiring to accomplish within us?

* He is like Christ
* He is our helper
* Convict the world of sin
* To bring us to truth and life in Christ
* To cause us to worship in spirit and in truth
* To bring us to greater depths of knowledge and understanding of the Father and the Son
* To reveal the purposes and the will of God within the life of the believer
* To empower the child of God to fulfill the Great Commission
* To endow them with gifts and anointings
* To live a life that will bring glory to God
* The sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)
* Rhema – the proceeding word of God
* The living word
* It comes out your mouth by FAITH
* It is activated by faith
* You allow Holy Spirit to speak.

1. **At the end of ourselves, we will find God**
2. ***The worst thing that we find in Job is Job himself*** – self! God was not trying to convince him of any glaring sin, but it is self-sufficiency, self-righteousness, and self-confidence.

* ***The thing that we must deny is – self!***

1. The power of SELF:

* Self, is the hardest thing to see, understand and to deal with
* ***At the end of ourselves we will find God***

1. Job believed:

* Because I am good God will bless me and protect me
* I must perform in order to bypass God’s wrath
* Job had to be the best version of himself to be accepted by God
* To be right with God, it had to be done in his own strength.

**Job 40:3-5**

3 Job answered: 4 "I'm speechless, in awe—words fail me. I should never have opened my mouth!

5 I've talked too much, way too much. I'm ready to shut up and listen." (The Message)

**Elihu speaks to Job**

**Job 32:7-10**

7 I kept thinking, 'Experience will tell. The longer you live, the wiser you become.' 8 But I see I was wrong—it's God's Spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty One, that makes wise human insight possible. 9 The experts have no corner on wisdom; getting old doesn't guarantee good sense. 10 So I've decided to speak up. Listen well! I'm going to tell you exactly what I think. (The Message)

**Job 42:5-6**

5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. 6 Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

**John 12:24-25**

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

# SERMON CONCLUSION - THE CALL TO ACTION

In the story of Job, we see a good man who became am amazing man. He multiplied naturally and spiritually because of the grace of God. Through the voice and dealings of Holy Spirit, Job was delivered from the chaotic and his life was restored to order. He went from simply hearing about God to knowing God firsthand. That is the work of Holy Spirit within our lives – LET GOD SPEAK!

**The Lord Restores Job's Fortunes**

**Job 42:10-17**

**10**And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. **11**Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

**12**Now the Lord blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. **13**He also had seven sons and three daughters. **14**And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. **15**In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

**16**After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations. **17**So Job died, old and full of days.