

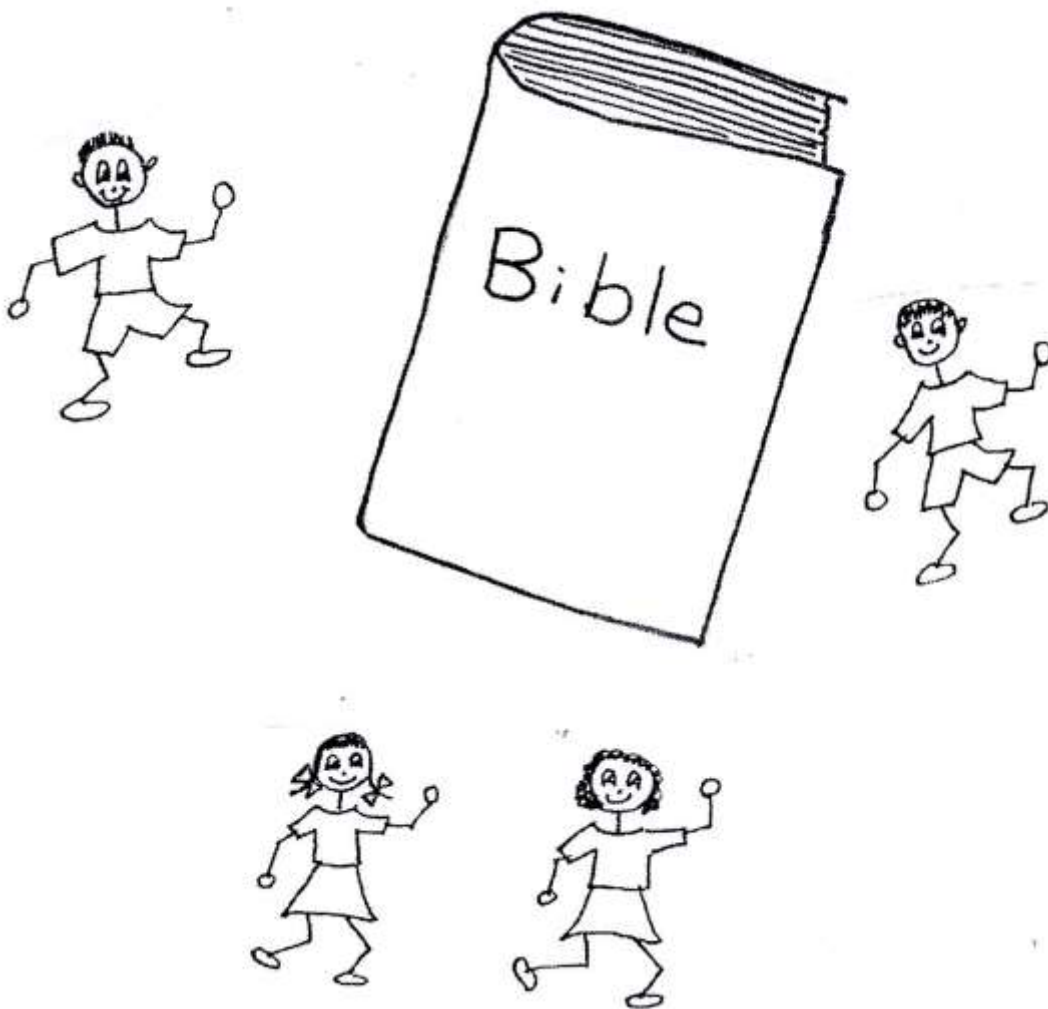
Job's Faith

Part 3

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Job did not have the completed Bible. However, God gave him everything he needed to get through his sufferings. Job knew the character of God*. When Job was going through his hard times, he didn't understand what was happening. It was greatly bothering him to think that he might be out of the plan of God. This wasn't the case; we know that God let Job have underserved suffering so he could grow in faith and the wisdom of God. Job didn't know this. We have the advantage of having the completed Bible. God recorded these events of Job's life to help us!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.



Philippians 1:29
For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake....

Job was an expert witness in the angelic conflict. He had to be alone during his times of suffering so people and angels could see that he only relied on God! Job was going through a lonely time in his life. He didn't know where God was taking him with his undeserved suffering. However, he knew God's character and that He would never leave him stranded! People would, but God wouldn't. The witness stand is a lonely place!



1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear [respect] the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

Then one day, Job had three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar who came from faraway places to sympathize with him and comfort him. They came with good intentions. When they arrived they didn't judge Job. In fact, they just sat with him for seven days and seven nights! After that time, Job was the first to speak. Because of his tremendous pressure, he was at the point of cracking! He was thinking that it would have been better if he hadn't been born. But, since he had been born, he was wishing that he would die and go to heaven. He knew he would then be with God. He knew about and believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and believers.*

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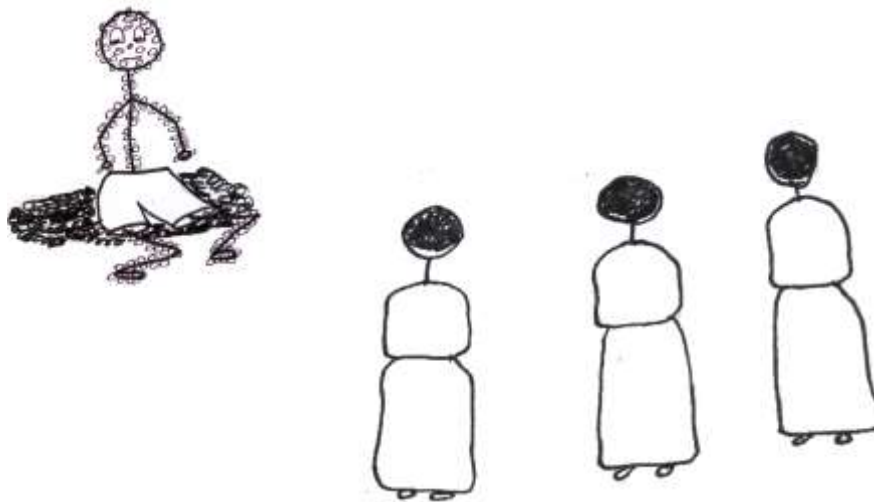
Job 2:13 Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

God had allowed Job to experience tremendous pressure. He allowed him to have it to the point of cracking. God wanted to deliver Job from his suffering. Then he would be a great witness as to what God can do for us! Remember, Job was on the witness stand in the angelic conflict! This is a lonely place to be! Job's cracking and then being delivered by God would make his faith in God even stronger! He was going from faith to faith; from the faith at salvation to the growing faith in God's word!



Isaiah 14:3-4 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased *and how* fury has ceased!

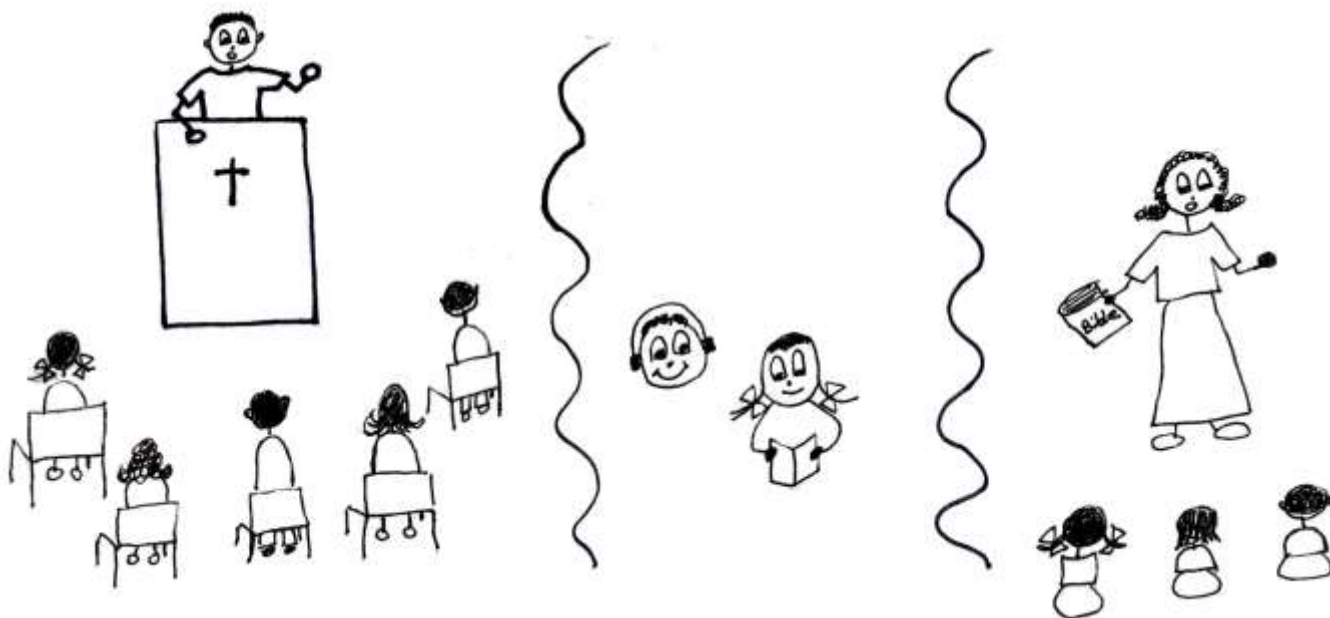
Job's friends tried to advise him. However, they took good doctrine and misapplied it. Their wisdom was based on human viewpoint and experiences, not on God's divine viewpoint, divine wisdom. So, they gave Job poor advice! They thought Job was suffering because he had sinned. This was not the reason he suffered. God considered Job a "blameless and upright man, fearing [respecting] God and turning away from evil". Job still sinned. However, he was confident in God's word. He had lots of Bible doctrine which he used. He fell in love with the word of God and he fell in love with God. Job had undeserved suffering to help him grow spiritually. He grew in grace and faith and love of God!



Job 1:8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

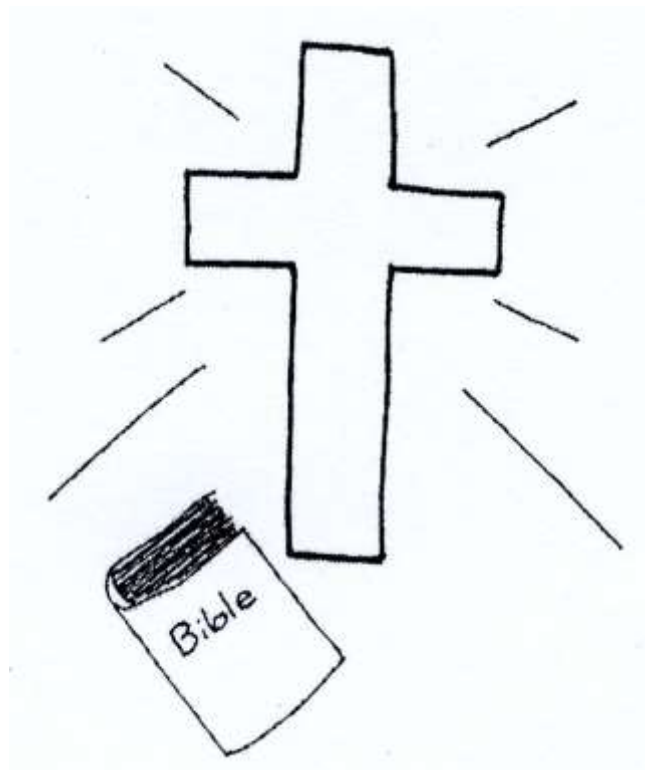
1 Corinthians 8:3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by Him [has a mature relationship with God].

We are not to judge Job's friends; we give bad advice at times. Out of our mouths will come what is in our souls. If we want to have the right thing to say at the right time, it is important for us to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine. It takes time and a lot of the word of God for the Holy Spirit to get us to the point of knowing how and when to apply or use that doctrine. It takes many situations where we fail or crack and see God pick us up so we can go forward in His grace! Remember, when we fail or sin we just have to realize it, stop it and turn back to God.



Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the *need of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Again, Job's friends had good intentions. However, good intentions weren't good enough. They needed more truth, Bible doctrine, in their souls. They needed more of God's wisdom. Good intentions must have "salted food". This means they must have true wisdom from Bible doctrine in their souls. Salt is a preservative or protector of food and it adds unseen flavor; Bible doctrine is a spiritual preservative or protector and it adds the unseen flavor of God's divine viewpoint.

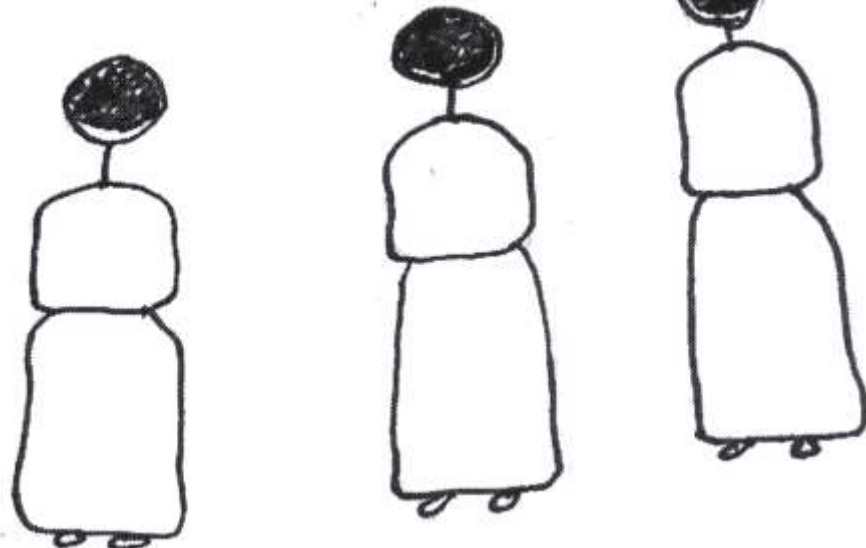


Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be [in the sphere of] with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Remember, Job was at the point of cracking. However, he realized that his friends were giving him bad advice. He took a stand against bad counsel or advice. It would have been dangerous for Job if he was so hungry for advice that he took bad counsel. Because of the thinking of God in his soul, Bible doctrine, Job had wisdom. Because of the wisdom in his soul, he was able to see that his friends' advice was diseased or bad.



Job 6:6-7 Can something tasteless [unseasoned with divine viewpoint] be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the white of an egg? My soul refuses to touch *them*



[unseasoned viewpoint]; they are like loathsome food to me [those things are like disease in my food].

Job didn't know about the angelic conflict. He didn't know God and Satan were having a conversation concerning him. God was showing Satan that Job would remain faithful to Him. We know there is an angelic conflict. With the filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine in our souls we can know that God has a purpose for everything in our lives!* We can know when we are having deserved or undeserved suffering. This is a great advantage! We can thank God for bringing Job into our lives and showing us his great faith in God! *Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Face Your Challenges Head On! (Living in the (Protocol Plan of God))*.



Our God is an awesome God!



Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation [deliverance]...

God will take us to our point of cracking. He only does this when He knows we have enough of His thinking in our souls to go through the undeserved suffering. His timing is perfect. His grace for us is perfect. Even when things look totally hopeless, God has everything worked out for our best. He is totally in control!!! God works things out for us in ways we would never consider! That's when we know God is doing the work! Our God is an awesome God! Stay out of God's way, watch Him deliver and give Him the glory!



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James 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.



Points to Remember

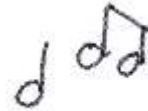
1. Job was an expert witness in the angelic conflict.
2. Job had three friends that came from faraway places to comfort him.
3. After tremendous undeserved suffering, Job started to crack.
4. God allowed Job to get to the point of cracking so He could deliver Job. Then Job would be a great witness for God in the angelic conflict.
5. Job's friends took good doctrine and misapplied it to Job's situation.
6. We are not to judge Job's friends; we misapply doctrine at times.
7. Job's friends had good intentions, but good intentions aren't enough; they needed to correctly apply or use Bible doctrine.
8. Job realized his friends were giving him bad advice.
9. Job did not have the advantage of a completed Bible.
10. Job didn't know about the angelic conflict. He didn't know God and Satan were having a conversation about him.
11. We can thank God for bringing Job into our lives.

Questions for Discussion

1. What does it mean to be a witness in the angelic conflict?
2. Who came with good intentions to comfort Job?
3. After a tremendous amount of undeserved suffering, Job started to crack. Why did God let Job get to the point of cracking?
4. Did Job's friends give him good advice?
5. Do we always give our friends good advice?
6. What makes advice good or not good?
7. Did Job realize his friends were giving him bad advice?
8. Did Job have the advantage of the completed Bible?
9. Did Job know what his part was in the angelic conflict?

MY FAITH STANDS

THE NEWS I GOT THIS MORNING TOOK ME BY SURPRISE
MY DREAMS COULD ALL BE SHATTERED
RIGHT BEFORE MY EYE'S
I CANT PRETEND IT'S EASY GETTING PAST THE FEAR
YET EVEN IN MY WEAKNESS ONE THING REMAINS CLEAR



CHORUS

MY FAITH DOESN'T STAND IN THE WISDOM OF MAN
IT STANDS IN THE POWER OF GOD
IT DOESN'T RISE OR FALL
WHEN IM BACK AGAINST THE WALL
MY FAITH STANDS IN THE POWER OF GOD

IVE FACED THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MANY TIMES BEFORE
ITS REALLY NOT SO DIFFERENT SOME OLD METAPHOR
YET EVEN WHEN MY PROBLEMS MASQUERADE AS LIGHT
MY FAITH BECOMES A CANDLE
SHINNING THROUGH THE NIGHT

REPEAT CHORUS

WHEN STRUGGLES COME AND FEAR WOULD RISE
BECAUSE OF WHAT I SEE
I WILL KEEP TRUSTING IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
AND HIS ABILITY YES I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE

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