

Learning from Affliction – Part 7

Introduction and Review

- Last week we considered what Job learned from Affliction (Jas. 5:10-11)
- Job learned that the Lord is compassionate & merciful
- The Lord is compassionate when He cares for us in affliction
- The Lord is merciful when He forgives our failures in affliction
- Job is an example of suffering & patience (*not of health, wealth, influence, accomplishments, etc.*)

I. Job Learned More About God

A. Omnipotence (v. 2a)

Job had been reminded with conviction that God is the Creator, Sustainer & Ruler of all His creation. Job had been reminded with conviction that God can do anything & nothing is impossible for Him (Mt. 19:26). This conviction & confession is before God has changed any of Job's circumstances!

B. Purpose (v. 2b)

Job had been reminded with conviction that God has a divine purpose for all of His actions – even affliction. Because God is omnipotent, all of His plans & purposes will certainly be accomplished (Is. 46:9-10).

II. Job Learned More About Himself

A. Unwise thoughts & words (v. 3b-4)

*People often reach wrong conclusions in affliction (*regretful thoughts & words*). Many times we are trying to & asking God to change or remove hardships that we don't even understand (v. 3b-c). God Himself humbles a believer while in pain & suffering – stops us from questioning God's care & purposes (v. 4).*

B. Limited view of God (v. 5-6)

Severe afflictions test our faith in God's word. Afflictions force us to apply what we have learned about God & ourselves – personal experience (v. 5). True repentance comes from true knowledge of God & ourselves (v. 6; 2Tim. 2:25).