

The Blessing of Humility and Righteousness (Job 42)

I. Job Humbles Himself Before God (1-6)

A. Job Acknowledges God's Omnipotence (1-2)

1. Now he knows God can do all things
2. Now he knows God's purpose can't be thwarted
 - a. Job's trials must have been in God's will
 - b. Job's trials must have been for a greater good

B. Job Acknowledges His Ignorance (3)

1. Job realizes that he complained without understanding
2. Job realizes he is unable to understand God's ways

C. Job Acknowledges God's Presence (4-5)

1. Job had heard and learned of God's will and ways
2. Job has now seen God – He has had an encounter with God
3. Job asks God to make things known to him

D. Job Repents of His Careful Words (6)

1. Job despises himself – he understands his sin
2. Job repents in dust and ashes – now he takes dust and ashes not mourning the trials of life but his own sin

II. The Lord Demands Humility from Job's Friends (7-9)

A. The Lord Rebukes Job's Friends (7)

1. God's anger burns against them
2. The friends have not spoken rightly about God
3. God says that Job has spoken rightly about Him

B. The Lord Orders Sacrifices from Job's Friends (8a)

C. The Lord Orders the Friends to Seek Job's Intercession (8b)

1. God tells the friends to get Job to pray for them
 - a. They probably think they are righteous and should pray for Job
 - b. Here they are shown to be sinful
2. God says that He will accept Job's prayer
 - a. Implying that he will not accept the friends' prayer
 - b. Job's prayer is accepted because of sacrifice and repentance

D. The Lord Accepts the Friends' Obedience (9)

1. The friends obey God's commands
2. The Lord accepts them by sacrifice and Job's intercession

III. The Lord Restores Greater Blessing to Job (10-17)

A. Job is Blessed with Prosperity (10)

B. Job is Blessed with Family and Friends (11)

C. Job is Blessed with Material Possessions (12)

D. Job is Blessed with Children (13-15)

E. Job is Blessed with a Full Life (16-17)