



'Flying High' Sermon Series
The paramount messages from the life story of Job

When Finding The Answer Seems So Hard

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INTRO (5-6 lines):

JOB 1

¹⁸ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”



Actually the story of Job was commenced in chapter 1:13. What happen before verse 13 was something that out of sight, both from Job also from his friends.

Let’s see the story of Job from the perspective of human being first, then we will together see that story from the perspective of God.

Unexplainable!

JOB 1

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and **he fell to the ground and worshiped.** ²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. **The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.**"

²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.



JOB 1 ² And 7 sons and 3 daughters were born to him. ³ Also, his possessions were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was **the greatest of all the people of the East.**

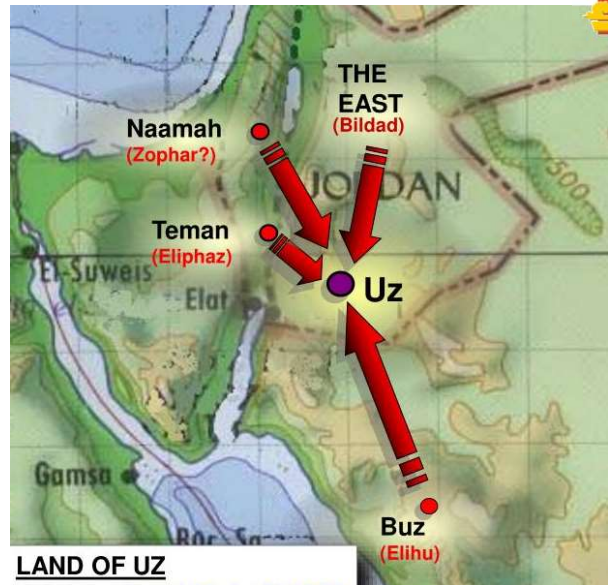
And all of those possessions just disappeared in less than 24 hours. Even Job said: Will You not look away from me, and let me alone till I swallow my saliva? *Job.7:19*

UNEXPLAINABLE! It was definitely, absolutely, unexplainable.

But the stories had not finished yet, something more painful happened!

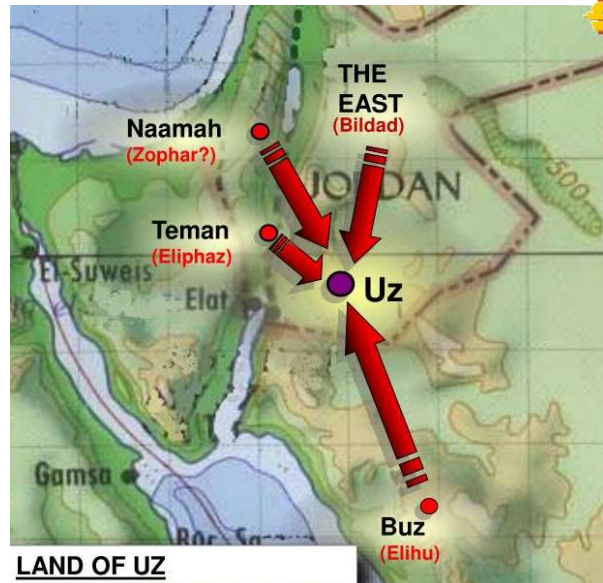
JOB 2

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—**Eliphaz** the Temanite, **Bildad** the Shuhite, and **Zophar** the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.



JOB 2

¹² And when they raised their eyes from afar, and **did not recognize him**, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven.



Even More Unexplainable!

JOB 2

¹³ So they **sat down with him** on the ground **seven days and seven nights**, and **no one spoke a word to him**, for they saw that **his grief was very great**.

TIMELINE:

God	Chapter 1:1
Job	Chapter 1:13
Job's friends	Chapter 2:10
Believers	complete book

Too difficult to understand, too difficult to describe, too difficult to start the conversation!

We, as **believers**, are so fortunate as we can see the whole story **from beginning to the end**. But it was totally different when Job and his friends were there in the middle of that uncertainty and very difficult situation.

But God was there since the beginning!

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Quick Judgement

JOB 42

³ *You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?'*

Therefore **I have uttered** what I did not understand, things **too wonderful for me**, which I did not know.

⁷ And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, **for you have not spoken of Me *what is right***, as My servant Job *has*."

What will you say if someone told you that the answer will be given in **the next few years**? Maybe even we already forget about the question!

But truly that is something that could happen with believers.

QUICK JUDGEMENT

When we long to seek a quick answer for anything that happen in our life, when God seems silent, we must learn from the life story of Job. **It's not good to judge something quickly!**

Unfortunately, both Job and his 3 friends then trapped themselves in the wrong attitude. And believers also could trap themselves by doing the quick judgement for anything that may happen in us or around us.

JOB: speak foolish things

3 FRIENDS: speak something wrong, at first they came to

comfort Job, but then they became a miserable comforter (troublesome). Job said: “I have heard many such things; **Miserable comforters** are you all *Job.16:2*. Because they were trying to judge Job and keep saying that there must be something wrong with Job so that he got tons of troubles.

Let’s see another 3 examples that warn believers to **not doing quick judgement!**

Quick Judgement

LUKE 13

¹ There were present at that season some who told Him about **the Galileans** whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “**Do you suppose** that these Galileans were **worse sinners than all *other* Galileans**, because **they suffered such things?** ³ I tell you, **no**; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom **the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think** that they were **worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem?** ⁵ I tell you, **no**; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”



Quick Judgement

JOHN 9

¹ Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “**Neither** this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”



Quick Judgement

ACTS 28

³ But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid *them* on the fire, **a viper** came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ⁴ So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “**No doubt this man is a murderer**, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.” ⁵ But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ However, **they were expecting** that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for **a long time** and **saw no harm** come to him, **they changed their minds** and said that he was a god.

The judgement from human **easily changes** because they always want to see something that quick and easy to understand, rather than **wait for more time**.

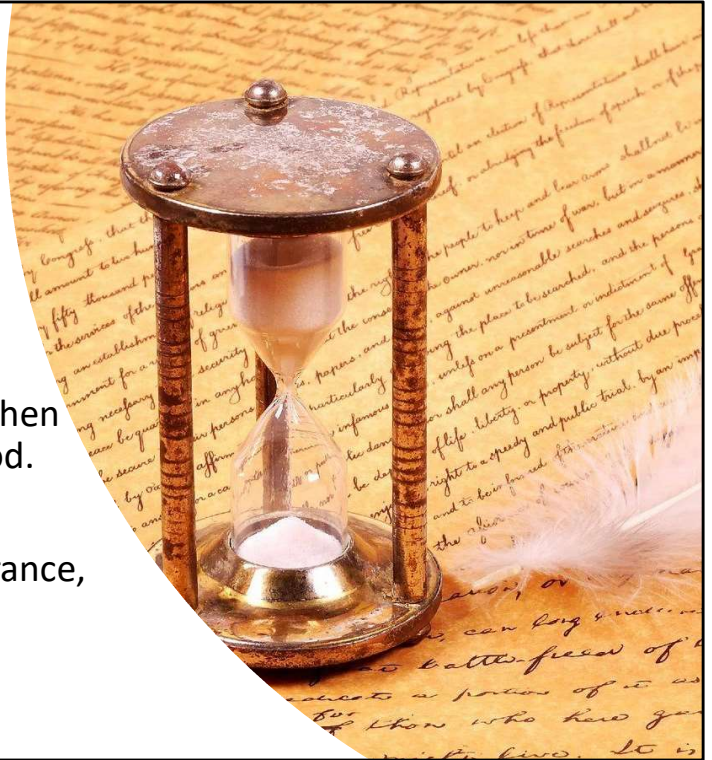
Judge Nothing

1CORINTHIANS 4

⁵ Therefore **judge nothing before the time**, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light **the hidden things of darkness** and **reveal the counsels of the hearts**. Then each one's praise will come from God.

JOHN 7

²⁴ **Do not judge** according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.



Apostle Paul told us to judge nothing **before the time**, when everything will be brought to light!

People always try to judge **according to appearance**. Either success or failure, either sickness or good health, either wealth or problem.

Let's get back to the story of Job so that we could understand why all of that disaster happened in the life of Job.

Behind The Scene

JOB 1

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was **blameless** and **upright**, and one **who feared God** and **shunned evil**.



Actually the book of Job was commenced with something that happened out of sight of Job and any human being.

Behind The Scene

JOB 1

⁴ And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

⁵ So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.



People may blame this verse as the sins of Job because his sons and daughters living a lavish lifestyle and loved to throw a big party.

Compared to what happen with the family of Timothy that had a successful impartation of faith, the family of Job might looked left behind and the parenting that Job did was not perfect.

But somehow the calamity that happened in Job's life totally had no relation with that one!

Let's see what happened at the next verse.

Behind The Scene

JOB 1

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that **there is none like him on the earth**, a **blameless** and **upright** man, one who **fears God** and **shuns evil**?"



Again it was declared in the Bible, even twice, that Job was **blameless, none like him on the earth!**

So we can understand that the disaster that came afterward actually was not happen as the consequences of his character. While his 3 friends tried to blame the character of Job, even they tried to judge him regarding his life in the past, actually that judgement was totally wrong because that's not the reason behind all of those disasters.

What to Do Then?

PSALM 139

⁵ You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.

⁶ *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

²³ **Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;** ²⁴ And see if *there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*



In the days of David, the story was a bit different but the problems was the same. David was living as a refugee for years, and it was too difficult for him to understand as well. The knowledge of God is too wonderful for us. It is high so that we cannot attain it!

But then David prayed in verse 23-24.

A problem may come into our life, and **it is not because of any of our fault**. Just like what is happening now. All of these difficulties happened not because of our fault, this is unexplainable. But in the middle of all these difficulties to find a good answer, let's have a good attitude as believers.

Let's hold our peace, let's keep worshipping God, and let's strengthen our faith in Him.

What to Do Then?

JAMES 5 – BE PATIENT & PERSEVERING

⁷ Therefore **be patient**, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer **waits** for the precious fruit of the earth, **waiting patiently** for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

⁸ You also **be patient**. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.



The farmers **did not know** what is happening inside the ground, but he is so patient.

What to Do Then?

JAMES 5 – BE PATIENT & PERSEVERING

⁹ **Do not grumble** against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an **example of suffering** and **patience**.



What to Do Then?

JAMES 5 – BE PATIENT & PERSEVERING

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of **the perseverance of Job** and seen **the end** *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very **compassionate** and **merciful**.





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