

HIDDEN TREASURES IN THE WORD OF GOD #16

The Trials of Job

Mark 4:21-25

²¹Also He said to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? ²²For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” ²⁴Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. ²⁵For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

*Thought - This is referred to as the parable of revealed light. Psalm 119:105 tells us that the word of God “is a lamp into my feet, and a light unto my path.” It is not “to be put under a basket” but to “be put on a lampstand” where it can bring light to the whole house. (Matthew 5:15)

“There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed.” Well, revealed by what? The word of God. There is nothing “been kept secret” or been hidden “but that it should come to light.” Once again the light is the word. There is nothing been “kept secret” in the word but that it “should come to light.” God’s purpose in hiding things in His word is to reveal them at the right time.

Now when He does reveal His word you are responsible for it. “With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you.” In other words, as you apply what God’s revealed to you, He will reveal more. For the Spirit searches the deep things of God (I Corinthians 2:10). “But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

We do not want to be a people in these perilous times with no lamp unto our feet! One of the ways God hides things in His word with the intent to reveal when you’re ready, is in narratives. True stories in the Bible which have deeper things under the surface that “you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Job 1:1-3

¹There 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. ²And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

***Thought - “Job” was a man who “was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.”** Right here is a deep lesson. Because Job “**feared God**” he “**shunned evil**” so was “**blameless and upright**” and for that reason “**this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.**”

This principle applies to a person, a family, a church, a nation, etc. Remove “**the fear of the Lord**” and they will no longer “**shun evil,**” be “**blameless and upright**” and will no longer continue to be “**the greatest of all people.**”

So if you were the devil who comes to steal, kill and destroy, what would you want to remove from the people? Of course, the fear of the Lord.

Job 1:4-5

⁴And 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. ⁵So 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.

***Thought -** There is hidden wisdom right here. When God blesses you or an entire nation, the next generation is vulnerable, and don’t think the devil doesn’t know it.

When Job’s sons would “**invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them**” there was revelry or what many would call partying going on for Job said, “**It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.**”

In other words, Job recognized his sons did not have the same reverence and fear of the Lord that he did. To the last day church of Laodicea, Jesus says the church becomes lukewarm because they say **“I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing.”**

Think of the nation that became the greatest of all nations after the Second World War, and what happened to the young people in the 60's and 70's.

Job 1:6-12

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷And 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.” ⁸Then 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?” ⁹So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Have you not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has and he will surely curse You to Your face!” ¹²And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

***Thought** - There are a few things here. First of all, **“Satan”** understands that the **“fear of the Lord”** is not being afraid of God. **“The fear of the Lord”** is when we love and revere God so much that we have a tremendous fear of doing anything that would interfere in our relationship with Him in any way because God has been so good to us. **“Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not made a hedge around him, around his household: etc.** Then **“Satan”** makes a challenge and an accusation. Take down that **“hedge”** of protection, and take **“all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”**

God allows Satan to have authority and drops the **“hedge”** of protection and says, **“Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not lay a hand on his person.”** Now here is where it gets interesting prophetically for us today.

Job 1:13-15

¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house; ¹⁴and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵when the Sabeans raided them and took them away -- indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

***Thought** - Remember one of the ways God hides things in plain sight and then reveals them is in patterns, or you could say when things run parallel. The trials begin on **"a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house."** It was business as usual, **"the oxen were plowing"** and **"the Sabeans raided them"** and **"indeed they have killed the servants."**

The **"Sabeans"** were raiders that came from the Arabian Peninsula, now known as Saudi Arabia. Just as the terrorists were from Saudi Arabia that hit the World Trade Center in 2001 in a city that we could call our **"oldest brother's house."** Rabi Jonathan Cahn was one of the first to recognize that **"the hedge"** or the wall of protection was dropped at the same place that our nation was founded.

The attack symbolized our wealth at the World Trade Center and the **"edge of the sword"** at the Pentagon and they tried to hit the White House, or you could say the father's house, but were not allowed to do so. Notice Job's house was not hit.

Job 1:16

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

***Thought** - Next **"the fire of God fell from heaven."** In other words, lightning struck! In 2005, four years after the World Trade Center was destroyed, we had the most expensive storm in US history called Hurricane Katrina. And where did it hit, but in a city famous for its eating and drinking, and partying on a feast day called Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras was a holy day of feasting. It means "Fat Tuesday" which was a time to eat before "Ash Wednesday" which was to begin a time of fasting.

Now remember all trials that God allows are to reveal something. When the rebuilding began, the first thing to be rebuilt in New Orleans was their partying district. It revealed their leaders' priorities, and lack of repentance; for everyone I talked to while we were ministering down there knew that Katrina was not a normal hurricane for they had been through others.

It seemed everyone down there knew it was a storm of judgment and much was being revealed about the spiritual condition of that particular city.

Job 1:17

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

***Thought** - Then we have "the Chaldeans" which came from Babylon or modern day Iraq. They came in "three bands" and "raided the camels" so took more wealth, and "killed the servants" with the edge of the sword." After the World Trade Center, we went to war with really "three bands" of "Chaldeans". Iraq, Afghanistan, and ISIS raiders who were from Syria.

Job 1:18-19

¹⁸While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹and 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!"

***Thought** - Once again it mentions that while they were partying as usual "suddenly a great wind" which literally means a whirlwind "came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house." It is a description of a tornado making a direct hit on where they lived.

The Joplin tornado of May 22, 2011 is considered the most costly tornado in US history. Five days later on May 27, 2011, a tornado hit East St. Louis and caused the most damages in US history. As a matter of fact, more tornadoes were recorded in 2011 than any other time in US history. There were 1874 tornadoes reported.

Job 1:20-22

²⁰Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹And 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.” ²²In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

***Thought** - You have to give Job credit. He recognized that all he had came from the Lord, **“and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”**

“In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.” This reveals much about the character of Job, and if we are willing to take a close look at ourselves, it can reveal much about us.

I’m sure Job had no idea of the enormity of how God was going to use these trials that he was going through. That thousands of years later we would still be learning from him. That billions of people both saved and unsaved have heard of the trials of Job. Then look what happens next.

Job 2:1-7

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. ²And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” ³Then 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? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” ⁴So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your Face!” ⁶And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.” ⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

***Thought** - The next trial came upon Job's health. In January 2021, the US had its first confirmed case of the Corona Virus, known as COVID. If there has ever been a trial that revealed hidden things it has been COVID. It has revealed who we really trust. How much faith do we really have? Who can be trusted? It has revealed dictators in our government, and sell-outs like Judas.

Then in just May of this year, the US had its first case of Monkey Pox which is literally **"painful boils."** So far it has mainly infected men engaging in homosexual sin which I believe says much, just as COVID taking the old and sparing the children after the US has aborted 70 million babies. Not only that but COVID, which spares the children, has been worldwide. According to the Life Institute, 1.5 billion babies have been aborted worldwide in the last 50 years. There has to be consequences for that!

Then Job says this:

Job 2:8-10

⁸And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. ⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? "Curse God and die!" ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

***Thought** - The trials of Job reveal much about both **"Job"** and **"his wife."** She is completely discouraged. She is ready to **"curse God and die!"** And while I'm sure she is hurting over losing her children and belongings she has no **"painful boils."**

"Shall we accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" May we all walk in that kind of faith, and understand that all trials have a purpose. May we all dwell in the secret place of the Most High." (**Psalm 91:1**)

**God Bless
See You Next Week**

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