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JOB'S RESTORATION (Job 42:7-17)

- I. God RESTORED and BLESSED Job (Job 42:7-17)
 - A. VINDICATED Job (42:7-9)
 - 1. CONFRONTED Eliphaz, ELDEST of Job's friends
 - a. Expressed ANGER for their speaking FALSELY
 - b. Said Job's THEOLOGY was CORRECT
 - c. Called Job "MY SERVANT"
 - d. Demanded a SACRIFICE from the FRIENDS
 - e. Chose JOB to OFFICIATE as their INTERCESSOR
 - f. INDICTED them for their FOLLY
 - 2. ACCEPTED Job
 - B. Granted Job the MINISTRY of PRAYER for his friends (42:8)
 - 1. Offered SACRIFICES for them
 - 2. Prayed for their FORGIVENESS
 - C. RELEASED Job from SATAN'S OPPRESSION (42:10-16a)
 - 1. Restored his FELLOWSHIP with FAMILY and FRIENDS
 - a. COMFORTED him
 - b. MOURNED with him

- c. Took an OFFERING for him
- 2. Restored his ABILITY to PROVIDE for his family: DOUBLED his WEALTH
- 3. Restored his RELATIONSHIP with his WIFE: Gave them TEN MORE children
- 4. Restored his HEALTH: Gave him 140 more YEARS
- D. Allowed Job to enjoy FOUR GENERATIONS of descendants (42:16b-17)
- E. Gave Job SPIRITUAL BENEFITS
 - 1. Allowed a personal ENCOUNTER with GOD
 - 2. Allowed him to see HIMSELF as he REALLY was
- II. God Still REWARDS and BLESSES Faithful BELIEVERS
 - A. Reserves ULTIMATE reward for enduring trials for HEAVEN (Jms 1:12)--
 - B. Provides SPIRITUAL rewards for enduring trials NOW
 - 1. To MATURE us (Rom. 5:3-5)
 - 2. To VALIDATE our FAITH (1 Pet. 1:3-9)
 - 3. To EQUIP us for MINISTRY (2 Cor. 1:3-7)
 - 4. To ENHANCE our TESTIMONY (Acts 9:10-16)
 - 5. To REFINE our CHARACER (Heb. 12:5-12)
 - 6. To DEVELOP our HUMILITY and DEPENDENCE on Him (2 Cor. 12:7-10)