

Pastor Ron Case
1/19/14

“Path of Blessing”

*“You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.”
(Psalm 65:11)*

Job’s Juxtaposition

Job 2:9-10 – (9) “Then [*Job’s*] wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.’ (10) But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

Job’s Position

James 5:11 – “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast (*stay under, remain, abide*). You have heard of the steadfastness (*hopeful endurance*) of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

Key Point: The Steadfast continually Experience God’s Blessing

Blessing Types:

Obvious Blessings

Job 42:12 – “And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.”

Psalm 32:1-2 – (1) “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (2) Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

Disguised Blessings

James 1:2-4, 12 – (2) “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete,

lacking in nothing. (12) Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Ironic Blessings

Joel 2:12-14 – (12) “‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; (13) and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. (14) Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?’”

Eternal Blessings

Job 19:25-27 – (25) “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. (26) And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, (27) whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I aware that what God allows for His people will work towards good purposes? (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28)

Do I acknowledge God’s sovereignty concerning what happens to me in this life? (Prov. 3:5-6; Ps. 121; 2 Cor. 12:9-10)

Do I tend to have a shallow view of God’s blessings?