

Bible Study: Faith elevates when you know you are living by grace

Text: Job 1.21

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Our emphasis this month is **Elevation of our Faith**. We focus on faith elevated by knowing you are living by grace. Job, after experiencing an unprecedented tragedy that came in the form of a series of unfortunate events, makes this famous statement that leaps beyond the confines of the Bible (**Job 1.21 NIV; Job 1.21 NKJV**).

The ‘a’ clause of his statement, “*Naked I came from my mother’s womb,*” reveals a commonality that all who enter this world share. The events that precede this verse (**vv15, 16, 17, 19**) give contextual

clues to suggest that when he speaks of nakedness, he is referring to having nothing at birth (Eccl. 5.15; 1 Tim. 6.7). He reveals a second commonality that all who exit this world share, “*and naked shall I return there.*” This truism of life identifies that at death we leave the same way we came (Eccl. 5.15; 1 Tim. 6.7). What Job gives here is known as an aphorism (the observation that contains a general truth).

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

The child is father to the man.

What Job lost he was not birthed with.

We spend too much time focusing on the loss and not what Job had (vv2-3). The 'c' clause Job identifies how he gained the status, substance, and stuff. He said, “*The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken*

away” (1 Sam. 2.6-8). This counters the belief that it was Job’s ability. It was the grace of God.



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Grace is the favor of God to human beings. Here is elevated faith. Instead of blaming the Sabeans, Chaldeans, or the natural disasters, he instead focuses his attention on God. “*Blessed be the name of the Lord.*” (Job 2.10; Ecc. 7.14; Eph. 5.20; 1 Thess. 5.18; James 5.11)