

THE RETRIBUTION DOGMA: QUID PRO QUO (2)

Job 8:1 Then answered **Bildad** the Shuhite, and said, **Job 8:2** How long wilt thou speak these things? And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? **Job 8:3** Doth God pervert judgment? Or doth the Almighty pervert justice? **Job 8:4** If thy children have sinned against him, And he have cast them away for their transgression; **Job 8:5** If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, And make thy supplication to the Almighty; **Job 8:6** If thou wert pure and upright; **Surely** now he would awake for thee, **And** make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

Job 8:8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, And prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: **Job 8:9** (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days upon earth are a shadow:) **Job 8:10** Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, And utter words out of their heart?

Job 8:20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, Neither will he help the evil doers:

Job 11:1 Then answered **Zophar** the Naamathite, and said, **Job 11:2** Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified? **Job 11:3** Should thy lies make men hold their peace? And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? **Job 11:4** For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, And I am clean in thine eyes. **Job 11:5** But oh that God would speak, And open his lips against thee; **Job 11:6** And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, That they are double to that which is! **Know** therefore that God exacteth of thee **less than** thine iniquity deserveth.

Job 31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

Job 31:34 Did I fear a great multitude, Or did the contempt of families terrify me, That I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

Job 31:35 Oh that one would hear me! **Behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, And that mine adversary had written a book.**

Job 31:36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, And bind it as a crown to me. **Job 31:37** I would declare unto him the number of my steps; As a prince would I go near unto him. **Job 31:38** If my land cry against me, Or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; **Job 31:39** If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life: **Job**

31:40 **Let** thistles grow instead of wheat, And cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

FACTS:

- **Job was suffering**
- **Job's suffering was excessive**

Loss of children

Loss of possessions

Loss of employees (servants) → minimally part of those he had taken care of over the years / a lifetime

Loss of health

Loss of his wife

- **Job's friends knew he was suffering**
- **Job's friends also knew why → sin**
- **Job didn't know why / couldn't figure it out**
- **Job was not only suffering physically but also intellectually**

He didn't &/ couldn't find an answer

- **Job and his 3/4 friends were all trapped in the same belief**

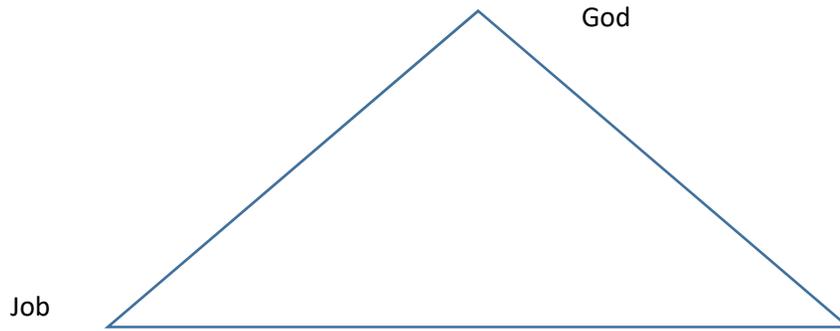
Retribution dogma or quid pro quo

If I do good, God will bless me

If I do evil, God will judge me

If life is good → I must be doing right / good

If life is bad → I must be sinning / doing evil



Quid pro quo / cause and effect

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

John 9:2 And his **disciples** (οἱ μαθηταί) asked him, saying, **Master** (Ραββί), **who did sin,**

this man,
or his parents,

that he was born blind?

John 9:3 Jesus answered, **Neither** hath this man sinned, **nor** his parents: **but that** the works of God should be made manifest in him. **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. **John 9:5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Same thinking:

- The man is blind
- Blindness has a cause
- The cause is sin
- Somebody had to sin
- **Only 2 options: man or his parents**
- Enter Jesus!!!
- Sin | sins | secret sins were **NOT** the cause
- You are asking the **wrong** question!!!

←----- WHY: -----	----- WHY: -----→
Looking backward	Looking forward
Causes	Purposes
Someone to blame	Someone to praise and something to use

What do we find?

- 3 friends cancel Job, retain God & the retribution dogma
- Job (all but) cancels / eliminates God, retains Job & retribution dogma
- Elihu cancels Job & 3 friends, retains God & retribution dogma
- God establishes God and doesn't deal much with the other 2!!!

➤ **Bible establishes God, Job, and retribution~ | quid pro quo~**

But in a much more nuanced &/ sophisticated way

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our **light** affliction, which is but for a **moment**, **worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**; **2 Corinthians 4:18** While we look **not** at the things which are seen, **but** at the things which are not seen: **for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? **Genesis 50:20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? **Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Matthew 19:29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. **Matthew 19:30** But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; **Philippians 1:13** So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; **Philippians 1:14** And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. **Philippians 1:15** Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: **Philippians 1:16** The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: **Philippians 1:17** But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. **Philippians 1:18** What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. **Philippians 1:19** For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,