

CATCHING UP WITH JOB!

Lights along the way:

1. The purpose of Job: What is the proper basis of a relationship between an individual and God!

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? **Job 1:9** Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Doth Job fear God for nought? Job 1:10** Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. **Job 1:11** But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. **Job 2:4** And Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. Job 2:5** But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Satan:

3/ 4 friends:

Job:

God & the Bible: sovereign grace and mercy and man's response of humble &/ submissive, trust, love, obedience, worship

Major ingredient:

Purpose:

2. Dramatic or Sophoclean Irony

This is simply how the story and life is written!

Outside the story



The reader

Inside the story



participants

As for us:

- **We now have much more in sight**
- **We know about the conflict in heaven**
- **We have so much more revelation**

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **John 14:2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. **John 14:4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. **John 14:5** Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **Isaiah 55:9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **Revelation 21:4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. **Revelation 21:5** And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. **Revelation 21:6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: **Revelation 22:4** And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. **Revelation 22:5** And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. **Revelation 22:6** And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **1 Thessalonians 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **1 Thessalonians 4:15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

➤ **Plus we have so many more truths...**

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.

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. **Revelation 17:17** For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

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.

3. Quid pro quo | retribution dogma

Job 4:7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? **Job 4:8** Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, And sow wickedness, reap the same.

Job 5:6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; **Job 5:7** Yet man is born unto trouble, As the sparks fly upward. **Job 5:8** I would seek unto God, And unto God would I commit my cause:

If you do good, God will bless you

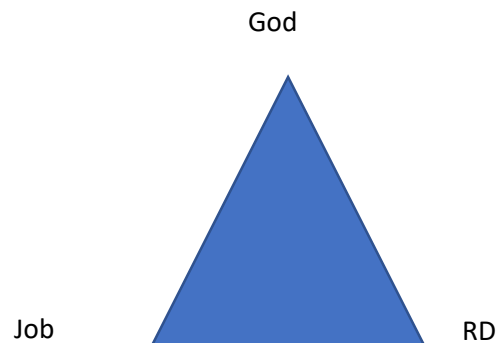
If you do evil, God will judge you

If things are good, I must be doing good

If things are bad, I must be sinning

Thoughts:

- **All the participants in the story believed this!**
- **Job, 3 friends, & Elihu**
- **Maybe everything believes this!**
- **Maybe life wouldn't be bearable without it**
- **True, just not the whole truth**
- **True, but must be EXPANDED!!!**



GOD: God is more, much more than justice!

Psalm 130:3 **If** thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, **who shall stand?**

Psalm 130:4 **But** there is forgiveness with thee, **That** thou mayest be feared.

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. **Psalm 103:9** He will not always chide: Neither will he keep his anger for ever. **Psalm 103:10** He hath not dealt with us after our sins; Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. **Psalm 103:11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, So great is his mercy toward them that fear him. **Psalm 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalm 103:13** Like as a father pitieth his children, So the LORD pitieth them that fear him. **Psalm 103:14** For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

JOB | HUMANS: can any human be sinless? Sin may or may not be connected to suffering.

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. **John 9:2** And his disciples asked him, saying, **Master, 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.

James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; **and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

An absolute quid pro quo condemns ALL humans!

A modified quid pro quo view of good eliminates

Quid pro quo - must be expanded to include:

- **Time & even eternity**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Grace & mercy**
- **Salvation**
- **Second, third, fourth, and....chances!**