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Job 1:1

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was perfect and upright and one that feared God, and shunned evil.” Job 1:1

A man who proclaims his own praises seeks empty praise. “...for men to search their own glory is not glory.” (Proverbs 25:27). Yet even well deserved praise from other men is only temporary. “The glory of man is like the flower of grass.” (1 Peter 1:24). However, when the Lord offers praise of a man, now that is different altogether, isn’t it?!

Whatever men’s commentaries may say of Job and his troubles; one thing stands out; it is this opening verse ringing with the Lord’s review of Job. And what an assessment it is...”perfect and upright; one that fears God and shuns evil!”

And who is making the assessment of your life? Should we fain humility by degrading ourselves we must ever remember that men’s testimony on our behalf is suspect (for they don’t know all the facts nor are they able to evaluate the heart), and we must also be aware that men’s appraisal of us is temporary at best! In the Scriptures, few people ever receive such outstanding praise from the Lord as Job did. However, before we allow ourselves the opportunity to become mired in self pity, let’s be reminded of the testimony of another One! “For you are not come unto the mount that might be touched... but you are come... to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things...” (Hebrews 12:18-25).

Yes, in spite of your sin and failings there is One Who gives a good report on your behalf – if you have placed your trust and confidence in Him!

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