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Job 1:20 – 21

“Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground before God. He said, “I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be stripped of everything when I die. The LORD gave me everything I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!” Job 1:20-21

Unlike most contemporary Christians, Job knew that the LORD was worthy to be praised in spite of the difficulty of his own personal circumstances. His sacrifice of worship was not a glib phrase of religious clichés and trite buzz words but a premeditated and determined act of worship from the heart – in the midst of tragic and horrific circumstances!

Can that be said of you? The LORD is worthy of your praise despite any situation in which you may find yourself. “You are worthy, O LORD, to receive glory and honour and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:11). “In every thing give thanks: for this (*the giving of thanks not necessarily the situation or circumstance*) is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

What we must note is the difference between Job’s life experience and Job’s doctrine. So, while Job’s facts are incorrect about what has transpired in his life, his actions were spot on! Note that his heart remained “perfect and upright” and that he “fears God and shuns evil” even in the midst of great tragedy and personal loss! (Job 1:1). To question another believer’s acts of worship based upon our interpretation of what it means to be orthodox, is to indict ourselves! (James 4:11-12)

The Holy Spirit alone is able to judge the orthodoxy of another person’s offerings of faith and worship! Rather than, let us not focus upon what others offer to God, but let us offer to the Lord the praise that is due Him! For He alone is worthy – in spite of our present situation!

“I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalm 34:1)

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