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Job 1:22

“Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God, *or charge Him with folly.*” Job 1:22

The total loss of his personal wealth, flocks, herds and servants – and the most grievous loss of all was the loss of Job’s ten children – children for whom he prayed for faithfully every day! Next, his health is stripped from him, and his wife, no doubt embittered by these great losses, encourages Job to “curse God and die!” But Job remains faithful in his integrity before the Lord. “In all this, Job did not sin with his lips!” (Job 2:10).

Job will be forever a standard by which men may be judged. How easy it is to succumb to the temptation to blame our circumstances upon a good God – a loving Heavenly Father – whose only intention is our best. “I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts for good and not of evil.” Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of lights, in Whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” If you who are evil know how to give good gifts... how much more will your Heavenly Father...” (Jeremiah 29:11; James 1:17; Luke 11:11-13).

Job’s refusal to yield to the foolish temptation of his wife and the lies of the devil should be a constant reminder to us as we face such temptations ourselves. Remember, God is never the author of evil. (Job 2:9; 2:5).

The Master has pulled back the veil to reveal the true origin of evil. “For the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly!” (John 10:10). At all cost then, resist such hateful and ignorant temptations as to say God is the author or the cause of your problems or loss.

With Job as an example, let us never sin by charging God with folly!

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