

HAVING MORE OF GOD

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TEXT: Job 42:12; Matthew 6

INTRODUCTION

Job 42 is one of my favorite texts in the entire Bible

I remember the day I first read it and how it spoke to my heart

Did you ever have that happen to you?

I've often read these verses so as to relive that moment that God spoke so clearly to me on that day

Upon reading these verses again, I notice something new

I notice the use of the word "*more*"

In v. 12 of our text we are told that "*the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning*"

We live in a society that thrives on **More**

From the Billionaire who wants more Money, to the Politician who wants more Power, to the child who just wants more mashed potatoes; everybody wants More!

People everywhere are after More Money, More Power and More Stuff

While most people are like the Billionaire and the Politician that live to have More of the World's Stuff ...

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There seem to be very few people who are after More of God

Webster defines “**more**” as being “*in greater quantity, amount, measure, degree, or number*”

We find here the Lord working in Job's life to give him “**more**” at the end of his life than he had at the beginning

I want the “**more**” of what God can give me! (Not selfishly)

I am not interested in “**more**” Money, Power, Recognition

What I’m interested in, is knowing “**more**” about God

I want more of everything God has to give me

I want to take a fresh look at the life of Job today

I’m hoping his experiences here will have something to say to you about this matter of “**more**”

And *What* ...we really should ...want More of

~~~Prayer~~~

First, let’s look at ...

### I. THE “PATHWAY TO” MORE

A well-defined Pathway will get you to where you need to be

God has laid out a clear Pathway to walk on

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Those who want “*more*” of God walk on this special path

God doesn't just give His “*more*” to everyone

He gives His “*more*” to those who walk with Him

**Amos 3:3 – “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*”**

(3 thoughts here) First, let's look at ...

### **A. The Pathway of ‘Holiness’ – 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 eschewed evil”***

#### **1. Job Walked God's Way**

Does the fact that the Bible calls Job “*perfect*” mean that he was sinless?

No... So what does the Bible mean?

The word “*perfect*” means *to be complete, one who lacks nothing; having moral integrity, honesty, and purity; to be blameless and without blemish*

At some point Job trusted God for his redemption

From that point on it was Job's Passion to please God with his life

That's exactly what this verse is talking about

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**Matthew 22:37 – “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”**

When a person gets saved we get Christ's Righteousness

**Philippians 3:9 – “And be(ing) found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”**

We are made perfect by Faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross

Job was made perfect by looking ahead to the coming of the Messiah

I believe Job was basing his salvation on **Genesis 3:15**

### 2. Job's Walk with Others

The Bible says Job was **“upright”**

What does this mean?

The word is derived from a Hebrew word which means *to be straight, level, correct, righteous, and straight forward*

This word emphasizes his relationship with other people

Job was straight, not bent or crooked

He treated people right

His honesty and integrity brought blessing into his life because people trusted him

His actions pleased God and they pleased other people that had to do business with him

### 3. Job's Reverence for God

Job "**feared God**"... What does that mean?

The word does not mean he was terrified by God

On the contrary, Job was very close to God and had great love for Him

The word "**feared**" is from a Hebrew word which means *to have great reverence and respect for; to be in awe of someone*

Much of the foolishness that exists among unsaved people, as well as carnal Christians today ...

I would attribute to a lack of reverence and respect for God

There is no fear of God because of their arrogant attitudes, pompous pride, stubborn wills, and shameless selfishness

There are many Christians today that profess to fear God, but their attitudes and actions portray a much different message

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When we walk / live like Job, it's because we have a Fear or Reverence for God

That Reverence for God will take precedence over any fear of man

### 4. Job's Repulsion for Evil

The word ***“eschewed”*** is from the Hebrew word which means *to depart, to avoid, to remove, to put away, to abolish or reject*

Job did not want to have anything to do with that which was wrong or sinful

He avoided wickedness like the plague

Perhaps, this is why we are reading about him today

**I Thessalonians 5:22 – *“Abstain from (avoid) all appearance of evil”***

David said in **Psalm 101:3 – *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me”***

If we want More of God, then we have to walk the Pathway of Holiness (like Job did)

If we want More of God we must walk ...

### **B. The Pathway of ‘Honesty’ – 42:1-6 ...**

We see the Honesty of Job with God in these verses

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Those who want “**more**” are Honest with God!

David had “**more**” because he was Honest about his sin

**Psalm 51:17 – “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise”**

God doesn't want us to hide behind a mask of hypocrisy

He wants us to be honest about our condition

**Proverbs 28:13 – “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy”**

**Isaiah 57:15 – “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones”**

**I John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”**

Then our last thought when it comes to our Pathway to More is ...

### **C. The Pathway of ‘Humility’ – 1:20-22; 42:5, 6 ...**

Job Humbled himself before the Plan of God and the Person of God

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It was a Plan he could not understand and God was a Person he could not comprehend

Yet he yielded to the Lord anyway! He got under God!

Those who get “**more**” are those who Humble themselves and Yield to God and what He is doing

You can see this truth throughout the Bible, in the lives of people like ...

Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Peter, the Disciples, the Three Hebrews boys; Daniel; Noah; etc.

They all got “**more**” because they humbled themselves before God and His perfect plan!

Actually these 3 Pathways constitute just one Pathway

And that Pathway is the Pathway of God

This Pathway is not easy; but it is the only Pathway that leads to “**more**”

And I want more of God!

### THE “PATHWAY TO” MORE

## II. THE “PRICE PAID FOR” MORE

**More** isn't cheap!

The Price involves the Loss of all you and I Value

Obtaining “**more**” requires living with “**less**”!

**A. The Price is Less ...‘Stuff’**

Being familiar with the Story of Job, you realize ...

Job lost everything he valued in life!

His *Finances, Family, Fitness, Friends*

Most of us are in the business of increasing our stuff

But God says that to gain you have to lose (Paradox)

We fail to understand, however, that our stuff can come between us and getting “*more*”

Sometimes more stuff equals less of God's “*more*”

Jesus cautioned us against seeking the “*more*” of this world

And He challenged us to seek the “*more*” of the world to come

**Matthew 6:19-21 ...**

**II Corinthians 4:17, 18 – “*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;” “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”***

The Bible says that the “*more*” of this Life is Temporary

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But the “**more**” God gives ... is Eternal

Sometimes we will have to lose our “**more**” so that we can obtain His “**more**”

The seeming Paradox here is that Less will equal More!

### **B. The Price is Less ... ‘Self’**

Job had great wealth – 1:3

*“His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east”*

But Job’s Wealth, Heritage & Health were taken in a moment – 1:14-19...

*2:7 - “So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown”*

Job was *humbled* and *humiliated!* - 2:8-13 ...

Often the biggest obstacle between us and “**more**” is us!

Job got “**more**” when Job became “**less**”

*Job 42:6 - “Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes”*

Before Job got more he had to settle for less!

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Let's be honest, self doesn't want “**more**” if self has to become “**less**”

Self wants to be “**more**”

Self like the *glory, recognition and praise*

The secret to getting God's “**more**” is making self “**less**”

**John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease”**

John the Baptist was willing to be “**less**” so Jesus could be “**more**”

But, by becoming “**less**” John got “**more**”

**Matthew 11:11 – “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he”**

The way you and I become “**less**” is by being sure He becomes “**more**”

**I Corinthians 10:31 – “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God”**

Getting “**more**” isn't cheap!

It may cost you everything you value in this life

The sad part is that most will not pay the price for “**more**”

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**John 6:66** – *“From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him”*

Still, for some, getting God's **“more”** is worth living with **“less”**

**Mark 10:29, 30** ...

THE **“PATHWAY TO”** MORE

THE **“PRICE PAID FOR”** MORE

Lastly, let's look at ...

### **III. THE “PRIVILEGE OF HAVING” MORE**

A **Privilege** is an Advantage, or a Benefit that is not available to everyone; a special honor

With our **“less”** and God's **“more”** ... comes Privilege

With our Less comes ...

#### **A. More of God's 'Power' – 42:8-10 ...**

Those who get **“more”** of God have power from God

They are in a place of intimacy with God and He responds to their requests

**Elijah - I Kings 17:1** – *“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word”*

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Yet the Bible says that he was of like passions as you and I

**James 5:17, 18 – “Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months” “And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit”**

Why? Because he had **“more”** from God

With our Less comes ...

### **B. More of God's ‘Provision’ – 42:11 ...**

Those who have **“more”** don't seem to fret over the needs of this life (and maybe having less)

They trust God to give them what they need, according to His promises

**Matthew 6:25-34 ...**

**Philippians 4:19 – “But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”**

God can move Heaven and earth to meet your need

I think how He fed Elijah with the ravens in **I Kings 17**

With our Less comes ...

### **C. More of God's ‘Providence’ – 42:11-13; 16, 17**

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**Providence** is *Divine oversight*

Those who get “**more**” soon discover that God has a way of bringing His “**more**” out of our “**less**”

God blessed everything Job had for years!

He does the same in our lives, when we Decrease and we allow Him to Increase!

**John 13:7** – *“Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter”*

With our Less comes ...

### **D. More of God's 'Praises' – 42:12a -15**

Out of the darkness of Job's life God displayed the light of His Glory

He gave Job new reason to Praise Him on the heels of his heartbreak

**v. 12a** – *“So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:”*

What was once heartache was now a new birth – **v. 13**

1. **“Jemima”** – means *Day or Dove*

God had turned Darkness to Light

God had brought Peace out of Turmoil

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### 2. **“Kezia”** - means *Fragrance*

God had replaced the stench of loss with the fragrance of victory

### 3. **“Kerhappuch”** - means *Box of Eye Paint; Cosmetics*

Used to refer to *“glory and brightness”*

Same word used of Moses in **Exodus 34**

God had replaced Job's Pain with God's Glory

Those who get **“more”** will find that they always have a reason to Praise the Lord, even when the bottom falls out of life!

***Job 1:20, 21 – “Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,” “And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD”***

## CONCLUSION

We all could have **“more”** if we would just become **“less”**

But we've made ourselves believe we Can't

But the real truth is that we simply Won't

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