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The End is Better Than the Beginning

Job 42:10-17

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[10]And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. [11]Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.[12]**And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.** And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. [13]He had also seven sons and three daughters. [14]And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch. [15]And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. [16]And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. [17]And Job died, an old man, and full of days. —Job 42:10-17

And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. —Job 42:12a ESV

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1. The Lord _____ Job's fortune just as He has done for us in Jesus Christ. (Job 42:10)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. —Ephesians 1:3

… [8]but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us… [10]For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. [11]More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. —Romans 5:8, 10-11

Notes:

2. The Lord _____ Job's family just as He has done for us in Jesus Christ. (Job 42:11)

But He knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold. —Job 23:10

[4]But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5]to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. —Galatians 4:4-5

3. The Lord _____ over Job's future just as He is doing for us in Jesus Christ. (Job 42:12-17)

"God's hand of providence, even in the lives of believers, remains largely hidden… Like any good story, it's only at the end that what seemed like unrelated characters and events are seen to constitute a narrative plot. Only the Divine playwright knows the whole story. Reversals and counter-reversals are meaningless apart from the resolution, but a resolution that is easily predicted in advance lacks dramatic depth." —D.A. Horton

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. —James 5:11

[25]For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. [26]And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, [27]whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me! —Job 19:25-27

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