



“Life Comes At You Fast!!”

Job 1:1-22; 2:1-10

Study Verse: Job 2:10

A very popular commercial about having the right insurance highlights the fact that “Life comes at you fast.” None of us can predict what will happen next, however we each are responsible for how we respond to whatever the circumstances. I want to share, from the book and life of Job, a few thoughts on how to handle life’s challenges appropriately. In the midst of perceived calamities and tragedies it is easy to miss the things God has to teach us, because we cannot imagine Him being involved in the grief, disappointment or heartache brought on by the loss of someone or something dear to us. However, some of God’s choicest deliveries come through the back doors of our lives. These unanticipated setbacks are sprung on us, and often we are not ready to take them on in the particular package in which God delivers them. Therefore, it is easy to miss them.

Losses come in two categories, generally speaking:

The Loss of Those You Love

The person you have lost might be a relative or a close friend. You have lost that person either by death or by distance—either way you have lost them. They are no longer there. That is one kind of loss that is hard to bear. Have you ever considered God’s message in the loss of those you love?

The Loss of Things You Love

The second category is the loss of personal necessities or benefits—the loss of a job, a desire, a goal or a dream in life. The loss occurs and suddenly you know you will never realize the dream you have had in your heart.

In today’s sermon, we will learn from Job how to handle losses. He lost both people and things. I want you to feel, with him, the awful blow of his losses. Believe me, the Bible is a book of reality. Look at the list of Job’s spiritual and material possessions.

1. He had Godliness. The text says, “He was blameless, upright, fearing God, and turning away from evil.” (Job 1:1) He was an incredible man of God, a man who was greatly respected.
2. He had a large family: seven sons and three daughters—10 children. Quite a “quiver” full (Psalm 127:3-5)
3. He had abundant possessions—7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 donkeys and servants by the dozen.
4. He had prestige. People knew and respected Job.

The Bible says Job lost it all. He did not deserve it, but it happened. Job was a good man who trusted God, loved his family and treated people fair. The text describes that life’s circumstances and conditions came at Job fast and in a negative way—He lost everything. How did he respond? “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.” Life had come at Job fast.

What is the profound message for us at such times? “Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity? In all of this Job did not sin with his lips.” (Job 2:10). God has the right to bring the unpleasant as well as the pleasant. Without this concept, you will never be able to persevere through pressure. Remember that our major goal in life is not to be happy or satisfied, but to glorify God. Paul said, “...to live is Christ.” (Philippians 1:19-26).

To understand Job’s mindset and action strategy to endure life’s fast changes, read, meditate on and apply Job’s counsel in Job 5:17-22. Job proclaims God’s righteous judgment in Job 23:8-14.

When LIFE COMES AT YOU FAST, know that God has not forsaken you nor will He ever. Trust Him through the good and the bad and “you will come forth as pure gold!!” (Job 23:10).

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