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Job may be the most misquoted book of the Bible and it's certainly the most commonly referenced book to promote error and distortion about the character and nature of God! It's from this book that people quote, "*The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.*" Sadly, it's usually quoted at funerals, a time when grieved hearts are easily influenced. I have counseled with many bitter people who, because of those words, thought God had taken away their loved one!

It's important to understand that everything in the Bible is a true account of what happened, but not everything in the Bible is truth of God's Word! Many books of the Bible give historical accounts of people as they struggled with God. The fact that it's in the Bible doesn't mean that what they said was true. It doesn't mean their every decision was based on God's truth.

Paul said, "*Now these things became our examples...;*" but not every example in the historical accounts showed us what to do; in fact, many times the examples showed us what **not** to do. He went on to say, "*...to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.*" (1Cor.10:6) Many of the beliefs and decisions of people in the Bible were wrong. We should rightly divide the Word and recognize their mistakes.

We must always remember that we can't take doctrine from the historical books of the Bible. For example, many idealists have

looked at the book of Acts and assumed that because people brought all they had and laid it at the feet of the apostles the church should follow that model. They fail to recognize that was a decision the church made that, in fact, turned out to be a bad decision. Later in the book of Acts the church had to send food to the church at Jerusalem. They were all "broke" because Communism has never been endorsed by the Bible and it has never worked. This was not a model we should follow, but a lesson we should learn and avoid. The historical accounts of God's people are full of lessons of situations to avoid.

Job was a good, righteous man; yet he, like all of us, had areas of personal weakness. He lived in fear for his children and his fear, in the absence of the New Covenant, put him squarely in the grip of the wicked one. This is the first of many misunderstandings about God, Job, and the devil. God didn't put Job in the devil's hands, Job put himself there.

Before the resurrection of Jesus, satan had access to God. It was there he accused God's people. God acknowledged that all that Job had was in satan's grip, but He still would not allow him to take Job's life.

From here we have over thirty chapters of Job's ramblings. This was Job's carnal reasoning, justifying why all these bad things had befallen him. Like most, he believed that God had either allowed it or done it. We do see a certain aspect of character in Job when he said "*Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.*" But we fail to see the folly in the second half of that statement: "*Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.*" (Job 13:15) As noble as it sounds, Job was essentially saying "God may kill me,

but I am still right and I will defend myself in His presence."

By adding the second half of that verse we begin to see Job's complete misunderstanding of God and his circumstance. Job didn't really seek to see his situation from God's perspective; he took his flawed doctrine and reached faulty conclusions. In fact, we don't hear a single word from God until chapter 38 when He asks, "*Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?*" (Job 38:2) Job altered or darkened the view of God because in all his noble sounding words he didn't know what he was talking about.

I find it amazing that people quote all those verses from Job as if they are an accurate assessment of the problem. *Let God be true and every man a liar!* There is a major discrepancy between what God says and what Job says, yet we have exalted Job's word above God's. And even worse, we have used Job's words, the words that darken God's counsel, to create diabolical doctrines that oppose the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Then in Job 40:8 God speaks to the heart of the issue by asking one question, "*Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?*" A heart that isn't established in faith righteousness always feels compelled to justify itself in the presence of God. We think God protects us in direct proportion to our works, but this is works righteousness. From that faulty logic, we always seek to justify ourselves even when it condemns God and ignores the cross of Christ.

Job was taught of the Lord. In Job 42:3-6 he reveals his repentant and teachable heart, *You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel*

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The TRUTH About Job: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?



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Job is one of the most misquoted books of the Bible. What Job admitted were words without knowledge are repeated today as if they are sound theology. God Himself asked Job, *Will you condemn me so you can remain righteous?* Each time we quote Job to justify why bad things are happening we perpetuate the self-righteous lie that God does bad things to test and teach. Bad things can happen to good people. Unfortunately, the church has attempted to explain this dilemma with Old Covenant law, pagan mysticism, religious tradition, carnal logic, and perversion from the mind of Job. Now, two thousand years after the resurrection, we still waver in the face of tribulation.

Each message in this powerful, myth-busting series will cause your faith to expand, your assurance in the faithfulness of God to abound, and your wavering to end as you discover ***The Truth About Job.***

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When people suffer loss the greatest toll is the long-term destruction in their heart. The Bible says *hope deferred makes the heart sick*. When people suffer loss there is a tendency to feel guilt and shame. They somehow feel they did something wrong. They feel violated! To add to their shame, there are thousands of voices proclaiming this to be an act of God's judgment. That message will destroy any sense of dignity they have left. How can we turn to the God of comfort for help when we believe He is the source of our suffering? We won't! Millions of Americans are going to be angry at God because of the false message of judgment that is being proclaimed by his own children.

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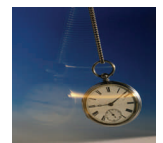
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Responding to God by Steve Corgan

What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does. We've finally figured it out... (Romans 3:27-28 TMB)

I used to have a bookcase full of books and audio teaching series dealing with themes explaining "how to work God." Each one pretended to offer the secret principles of success as though God were a method, system, or formula I could "work." It seemed like I was on an endless quest to get God to respond and give up what I needed. I thought if I could just get it right the stars would align and, like a genie in the bottle, God would respond and meet my need. Of course, I didn't see it that way. I just wanted God to answer. However, no matter how hard I "rubbed the bottle" I couldn't get Him to respond reliably, the way I wanted. Moreover, the church I attended had so much victory if I mentioned a problem or that the "secrets" weren't working it was considered a "bad confession" and proof of my obvious lack of faith. Since God supposedly would only respond to faith, where could I turn? The One I needed most was inaccessible because the truth was that I just couldn't get it "right" enough to qualify. Worse yet, I was the pastor of that church! Yikes!!

My mind would go back to those early days of knowing Jesus and I would wonder, "What went wrong?" When I first became a Christian it was free, easy, and light. I knew these two things: it was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened to me and I had almost nothing to do with it. A friend preached the Gospel to me, I responded to the message by saying "Yes," and it changed me forever. The only thing I had done was say, "Yes," to God's gift. I wasn't fasting, interceding, praying in the Spirit, or "believing" God for anything. I hadn't read the Bible, done warfare in the heavenlies, or put my spiritual armor on that morning, and yet I experienced the most dramatic miracle of my life: salvation. The truth is, God didn't respond to me; I responded to Him.

"What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does. We've finally figured it out..." (Romans 3:27-28 TMB) God doesn't respond to what we do. We respond to what God does. That response is faith. Faith isn't something we use to "get God" to do things or to convince Him to respond to us. Faith is the response of our heart to God - who He is and what He's already done in Jesus. God is love and faith is our response to that love. John said, "So you see, our love for Him comes as a result of his loving us first." (1 Jn. 4:19) God doesn't love us because we love Him. Our love for Him is our response to His love. Our walk in the unforced rhythms of grace is not about getting or persuading God to respond to us. The very basis of our faith is this love-inspired response to God. He will never allow us to reduce Him to a method, system, or formula.

We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; his perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what he might do to us and shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us. So you see, our love for him comes as a result of his loving us first. (1 John 4:18-19 TLB)

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We love God because He first loved us. Our love for God is our response to His love for us. We can't do anything to make Him love us more; we can't do anything to make Him love us less. His love is perfect. Our human capacity to love is conditional, limited, and imperfect. But God's love is perfect and unconditional. It is torment to live in fear; fear of life, death, the present, the future, God Himself, or any other thing. John tells us if we fear, we are not convinced that God really loves us. But, how do we experience that perfect love of God? We must become fully persuaded in our hearts that He loves us. Watch for Part Two of this message coming soon. I will show you how to become fully persuaded.

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. (Matthew 11:28, TMB)

A Word from Jim Richards about Steve Corgan:

Steve Corgan is a minister, missionary, writer, and personal friend. He's active in the United States and Central America establishing people in **this** Gospel of grace, peace, and faith righteousness.

If we ever hope to reach the world with this message we must support missionaries who embrace and preach this Gospel. I highly recommend you support Steve and receive his monthly teaching and updates.

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The Making of a Movement

Every major movement of God has been a grassroots movement. Most movements are sustained outside of orthodox sanctioning. Usually pioneers within the church begin preaching a more complete message of the Gospel than their predecessors. Because of the need to be right it's rejected by the "powers that be," but because of the benefits it brings to those who partake, there's usually a group of people that defies accepted dogma and moves ahead.

The Orthodox Church rejects all new movements as heresy. This is one reason why the warnings of the church tend to fall on deaf ears. They label everything that isn't a part of their tradition as heresy. In time the new movement (provided it's biblically based) takes root and the growing momentum becomes a movement. Then it takes a few generations for believers to become disciples in the application of truth. As new leaders emerge what was once a radical movement becomes more mainstream; then, in time, that movement becomes what resists the next insight into God's Word.

In my lifetime I've seen this transition more than once. The Jesus Movement was decried as being of the devil and freedom, relaxed worship, and desegregation, just to name a few factors, were totally opposed and criticized by the mainstream; but it was these very factors that gave the movement relevance to a new generation seeking God. It was the Jesus Movement that radically changed worship. Today nearly every "spirit-filled" congregation worships in a style pioneered by those young hippies of the late 60's and early 70's. I have seen the

same type of integration of the Charismatic Movement and the Word of Faith Movement.

There are different factors that drive each new movement. Sometimes it's simply a cultural movement where people want the message they're hearing to be more relevant to the needs and communication styles of their generation. Sometimes, however, it's a message movement which occurs because of a change in the message. This is what happened when Martin Luther had a revelation that we are saved by

works. Move-with the that wa-for be-infants; early recog-gifts



faith, not by works. The Baptist ment began revelation ter baptism is lievers, not likewise, the Charismatics nized that the were avail-able for everyone! Message Move-ments face much more resistance than cultural movements.

Each of these movements influenced the world by standing strong for what they believed. They became very deliberate about spreading their revelation to the world. It's that passion and commitment that brings about worldwide changes. We have to see the value that our revelation brings to the world and we have to become very deliberate about making that happen.

Which brings me to my point: Are you *deliberate* about getting **this message** to the world? I've spoken to several good missionaries lately who are having trouble maintaining support. They are out pioneering this message of grace, peace, and faith righteousness but those who embrace this message are not financially supporting them.

Recently I preached in a church that was being built on this message. Before the service started I looked at their missions' board; not only was I surprised to see that they were supporting very few ministries that preached this message, I found they were supporting a missionary who strongly opposes this message! As I talked to the pastor I discovered that he really had no knowledge of the beliefs of those they supported on the mission field. There have been other times I've asked pastors and individuals, "How many ministries do you support that are preaching this message as the foundation of all they believe?" Sadly, the numbers are small.

The world is sitting in darkness. Religion is darkening the way to God, education is opposing the way to God, and it won't be long until the government will penalize those who point the way to God.

If you knew that we only had a few years to get this message of God's love to the entire world would you reevaluate your missions support? Well, we may only have a few more years of the freedoms we now enjoy. This Gospel of faith righteousness must be preached to the entire world before the end can come. Please evaluate *all* of your giving and make sure that everything you do is multiplying this message to the entire world!

When work, commitment, and pleasure all become one and you reach that deep well where passion lives, nothing is impossible. (Author Unknown)

without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes.

By failing to see the bigger picture we miss the incredible lesson of this book. Even when Job put himself in satan's hands God saved his life. Although Job was self-righteous and over-opinionated God still instructed him. When Job opened his heart and trusted God he was restored and he abounded even more than before.

As I've said so many times, the world hates God because of the false message the church has proclaimed. The church, in a carnal attempt to frighten people into turning to God, has made God the source of all our pain and suffering. As both the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul said to the religious leaders of their day, *God's name is blasphemed... because of you.* (Rom. 2:24)

We live in perilous times. The philosophies of those who influence world governments are more diabolical than one could ever imagine. Apart from enlightened people standing up and changing the course of history, we will most certainly move toward the times of trouble that shall overtake the entire world. Jesus warned that for many these days would come on them *unaware!* Most of the world and most of the church is asleep. They think the victories for the Kingdom of God are determined by which political party gets the vote. That is naïve at best!

Sadly, those who misunderstand the signs of our times will also misunderstand the heart of the battle. Like Job, they will think God is the problem. Daniel 11:32 warns of the flattery and deception of these days

but it says *those who know their God will stand strong!* We can't stand strong if we think God is the problem. In fact, when the world falls under the tribulation of the antichrist they will blaspheme God even more because they think God is the source of the tribulation!

Einstein said unless we change the level of consciousness that created the problem we cannot solve the problem. We can't think God is the problem and walk through the struggles that face mankind! One of the ultimate factors in winning any battle is identifying the enemy. Unfortunately, religious doctrine makes it impossible to be sure who is doing what! If we think the oppression of the wicked is God's judgment against our nation we will unwittingly play into the hands of the evil strategy.

We can face every conflict with the peace and confidence that comes from knowing our God and understanding His ways. The original series, "The Truth About Job," was a huge success when it was first taught in the 1980's. This expanded version, "The Truth About Job: *Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?*" is even more enlightening and powerful.

This series is a must for the believer who seeks to totally eradicate from their consciousness every word of judgment and condemnation of God. Likewise, it will equip you to help those who are tormented by these Scriptures that have been taken out of context for so long. Be sure to see the ad on page 3.



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...Suffice it to say that without Jim's teaching I would NEVER have made it through these extreme times of living internationally, ...and because of the pro-relational ministry you all have...with Dave and Bonnie Duell, Denise and Dennis Capra, and...Patrick and Charlotte Schram (who ministered this Faith Righteousness Message to me) my life is flowing in God's abundance....truly miraculous! SK

On reading *Grace: The Power to Change and utilizing Heart Physics Essential and Abundant Living:*

Having and utilizing these tools, the door of my heart has been opened; and the Lord did not need to be asked twice to come in! My destructive thought patterns began to change directly, transforming my life in so many ways – and doing so without effort. The hope of His glory has become more than just an intellectual concept. Understanding grace and faith (and the relationship between them) has revealed to me the power of Christ in my life. I've finally been able to cast off the burden of "doing" and have begun to enjoy the peace of "being". What I once would only do begrudgingly, if at all, I now do without effort and with great joy – for it is not I, but Christ living through me.

In only a few weeks, my heart attitudes and beliefs have been altered in areas of my life that were previously thought to be beyond my ability to change – but, praise God, they are not beyond His ability. The transformations have been so broad that I am, in many ways, a stranger to myself and those closest to me – but in a good way! After 19 years of marriage, I've never before loved my wife the way I do now – unconditionally through Christ.

My confidence in a victorious life has soared. Each day is a new and wonderful opportunity to be with my Lord. Daily, I look forward to spending special times with The Lord, unburdening myself from the cares and failures of my past; choosing, instead, His effortless life of grace.

I have tremendous, heartfelt thanks for the teachings that Jim has shared through Impact Ministries. BD

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As World Changers we've all committed to invest in the world and as a team I've committed to invest in you! I've been waiting to announce the dates for World Changer Weekend until I knew I had something meaningful to share. You know how I am; I'm not interested in just having another meeting! I want to do things that are *world changing*. And the world gets changed when we change the way we see God, ourselves, and ultimately the way we see others! Unless I think it's life changing, count me out. I couldn't bear to waste your time with just another meeting!

Well it happened! Today in a discussion with my assistant, Margie, the small pieces of inspiration that had been floating around in my head converged into insight as she was sharing with me. In a matter of minutes I knew what I need to share with you.

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