

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

Job 1:21 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.

Does God Take Back His Gifts?

God had blessed Job with 7 sons and 3 daughters. 7,000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 she asses and a very great household "so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east." (Job 1:3).

But, all in one day all this was gone (thieves and acts of God).

Motivation: Does God take back things that he gives? It's right there in black and white.

I. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST NOT JOB.

A. While it says that in all this Job didn't sin or charge God foolishly. The Bible does say that Job admitted that he had spoken things that he didn't understand (Job 42:3).

B. Scriptures says:

Jas 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

C. We need to understand who is giving and who is taking away:

(1) Satan took from Job.

Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

(2) Jesus is the giver of life and abundance.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

II. GOD DOES TAKE THINGS AWAY But, he usually has good reason.

A. He took away the talent from the man that hid it.

B. He took the life of the child which was the product of adultery.

C. Sometimes he has to take away things that can hurt you or hinder you from receiving a greater blessing.

- D. He allowed Satan to take away from Job because he knew Job would pass the test.
- E. The **Widow who lost her son**).

III. HOW GOD RESTORES

A. Sometimes God personally restores you.

Job 42:12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

Job 42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

B. Sometimes God enables you to get back what has been taken. While David was fighting the Philistines at Apehek the Amalekites invaded the south of Israel and burned Ziklag with fire and took David and his men's wives and families captive.

1Sa 30:18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

1Sa 30:19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

C. Sometimes God uses others to help. Acts 3 (Peter and John at the Gate Beautiful - Restored hope).

CONCLUSION: If you understand the scriptures, you will find that God does not just arbitrarily take things away from us. He does have reasons to take some things, but it's for our own good. But, in either case, God is a restorer of those who love him and serve him.

Psa_51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.