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JOB 15:1-16

DON'T BE QUICK TO JUDGE

Amy always looked so tired and sleepy in class. All her friends always thought that she always played games till dawn because of her tired-look and messy hair. Until one day, her classmate, Elly, went to a nearby KFC outlet and was attended to by Amy. Only then did she find out that Amy was a part timer at KFC and she had to work until 10 pm. After work, she would study until midnight.

Just like in the story above, without understanding what really happened, Eliphaz criticized Job and said that all the suffering he had was because his heart had carried him away from God and he had not listened to God properly. He also insulted Job and accused Job of offending his friends and attacking God. Eliphaz was so quick to judge without understanding the real situation.

Have you ever been like Elly or Eliphaz before? When you see something that is not right, you are so quick to judge while the actual fact is the opposite of what you thought. Let's guard our heart and mouth so we will not be quick to judge others.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 14:10
Each heart
knows its own
bitterness, and
no one else can
share its joy.*

Prayer

*Dear God, guide
me to refrain my
mouth and heart
from judging or
criticizing others.
May the Holy
Spirit help me.
Amen.*





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JOB 21:7-16

COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY

In his misery, Job could not help but to compare his life with the ungodly people who seem to be blessed despite their wickedness. Verse 7 writes: Why do the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power?

There are times when you scroll on your social media and you can't help comparing your life with the lives of the ungodly people that appear to be better than yours. They seem to be wealthier, healthier, happier, more successful etc.

The ungodly people will never really experience true joy, true love, true peace that comes from knowing Jesus, the good Shepherd. They are still prone to problems and they have to rely on their own limited strength and resources.

Let's stop comparing your lives with others. Comparison is the thief of joy. Be thankful and believe that God has a special plan for you. You won't be able to accomplish that plan if you always compare yourself to others. Always keep in mind: The Lord is my Shepherd. I lack nothing.

Key verse:

*Psalm 23:1
The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

Prayer

Dear God, I am thankful for all the things You have done in my life. Help me to always guard my heart from comparing what I have with what others have. Amen.



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JOB 26:7-10

NATURE IS THE ART OF GOD

In the midst of his suffering, Job admired the beauty of nature that explained the mighty power of God.

It was God who hung all the stars and placed all the planets, moon and sun in the perfect place in the galaxy. The average distance from the moon to the earth is 384,403 kilometres but the moonlight takes approximately only 1.26 seconds to reach the earth's surface. It feels so far yet so close!

God made it possible for the clouds that are made of millions of gallons of water and super heavy to float freely along the lines in the sky. It was God who set the borders of the oceans.

When you see God through nature, it will truly make you grow in faith and adoration towards God. The beauty of nature is God's artwork and let it remind you of the goodness of God.

Key verse:

*Psalm 19:1
The heavens
declare the
glory of God;
the skies
proclaim the
work of His
hands.*

Prayer

*Dear God, let me
enjoy all Your
artwork through
Your creation. I
am so thankful
for all Your great
work. Amen.*





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JOB 28:12-28

WISDOM & WEALTH

Very wealthy people can buy any food, toys, clothes or cars they want. They can fly around the world. They may live in the largest mansion with a pool and tennis court inside. They seem to be the luckiest people in the world! However, why do some wealthy people like them fall into depression and even commit suicide?

Money may buy temporary happiness and satisfaction but it cannot buy the jewels of peace and the lasting joy and salvation in Christ. Things that people can physically buy in the world have expiry dates. They do not last forever.

Wealth is a blessing from God and it can be used as a means for doing a lot of good things for the glory of God. But being wealthy is definitely not everything. If you spend your wealth without wisdom, it will eventually destroy you.

Following God's way and staying away from sins will be the beginning of wisdom as wisdom comes from God. May you have wisdom from God to manage your wealth wisely.

Key verse:

Proverbs 23:4

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to control yourself.

Prayer

Dear God, You are the only source of my wealth. Give me wisdom to manage the wealth that You have entrusted to me. Amen.



JOB 32:4-9

RESPECT YOUR ELDERS

A young guy named Elihu had been waiting patiently for Job and his friends to stop talking. When the elders had quit talking, Elihu was ready to step up and talk to them. Elihu was angry with them because he felt that they were not being righteous. However, he did not abruptly interrupt them while they were speaking. Instead, he waited until they were done talking.

Respecting our elders is something that we have to remember always. Being polite to an elder is a demonstration of respect. When they are talking, listen to them. Don't interrupt them. Do take the time to listen to them.

The elders have been through a lot of experiences from which we can learn. It will help us in our walk in faith. They might have made some mistakes in the past and they will help to guide you so you won't make the same mistakes.

Never forget to take care of your elders. Help them when they need help. Show them your loving kindness. Pray for their health and well-being. Spend more time with them so they will not feel lonely.

Key verse:

*Leviticus 19:32
Show respect
to old people.
Stand up when
they come into
the room.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for my
parents and
elders who have
been a wonderful
support to
me. Give them
strength, peace
and joy in their
daily lives. Amen.*





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JOB 33:14-22

GOD WANTS YOUR ATTENTION

God spoke to Joseph through his dreams. God spoke to Samuel directly with His own voice. God spoke to David through His prophet, Samuel. God speaks to His people in His own ways, but sometimes His people do not understand.

Elihu emphasized that actually God had already spoken to Job through his dreams and visions but Job did not seem to understand. This was why God spoke through Job's suffering.

C. S Lewis once wrote that God shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. A megaphone is used to direct the voice and increase its loudness. It will attract people's attention to find the source of the sound. Likewise, God used Job's sufferings to get his full attention and to teach him something to keep him from perishing.

God knows precisely what it takes to get your attention and to prevent you from living the wrong way. So, stay alert. Listen attentively when God speaks to you.

Key verse:

Psalm 147:11

Those who fear God get God's attention; they can depend on His strength.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be able to hear You when You speak to me through any way. I want to give You my full attention. Amen.



JOB 34:18-28

BEHIND THE SCENE

God works behind the scene in your life, like a movie director who creates a great movie that you watch on Netflix. When you watch a movie, you do not see the director. You do not see the whole process from beginning till the end. You do not see the moments of 'light - camera - action' or 'cut' cue from the director! What you see is the final result of the movie.

Just like a director who directs every scene in a movie, God does the same in your life. You do not actually see with your eyes how God directs things and events around you. You should know that God is always working behind the scene to create something beautiful for the future.

Rest in God. God is working behind the scene in your life today as you read these words so that you will enjoy a stunning masterpiece. He is directing things in your life in order for His ultimate vision to be fulfilled.

Key verse:

*Psalm 139:16
Your eyes saw
my unformed
body; all the
days ordained
for me were
written in Your
book before
one of them
came to be.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
believe You are
working behind
the scene of
every episode of
my life so that
I can see many
victories in my
future. Amen.*

