



**Blaming God (Part Two)
What Christians Need
To Know Who Follow
Jesus**

Job 1:20-22

Observations

#1 Following Jesus Will Not Always Be Easy

- But what about Matthew 11:28, *“My yoke is easy and my burden is light...”*? *We are always supposed to have a good time serving the Lord!*
- In Christ’s analogy here, the choice He makes of using the term “yoke,” in description of our relationship with God, should not be ignored
- When the yoke apparatus is worn by the beast, it puts the beast in a servant relationship to the owner of it

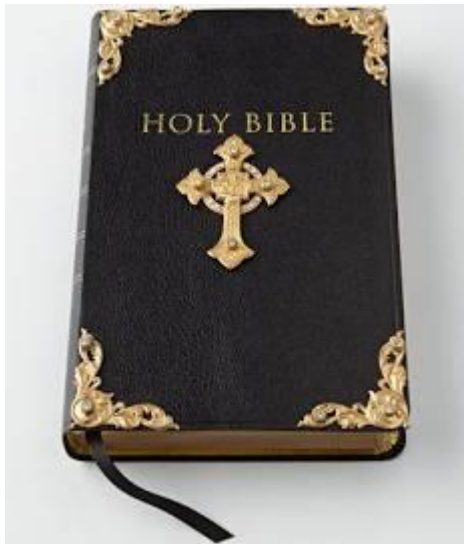
- In using this analogy Jesus is actually saying, “You look weary, and tired with the yoke you are carrying. Here, take that yoke off and try mine, it’s easier.” We must also indeed remember that sin is described as a yoke of slavery

“It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5: 1

- Many of us, in this country, are unfortunately too familiar with the yoke of slavery and its results

Drugs, Alcohol, Same-Sex Attraction, Adultery are all Yokes





- So in effect, Jesus is saying if you have to be drawn or worked, or used, or face hardships and disappointments, it's better to be worked by someone in your favor, or an owner who loves you.
- That is why Jesus says "take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

#2 What Happens to Us In Life Will Not Always Be Explained to Our Satisfaction

- To understand what's going on with us in the world, we actually have to look outside of this world in our thoughts. This world alone cannot answer the great questions of life. (That's why Job's story is so important to us.)
- We find out that, unbeknownst to Job, God and Satan are having a conversation, and it turns to Job's life
- God says in effect, "*While you are running around in the earth have you evaluated my servant Job.*" Now remember that the devil is still prowling the earth like he was in Job's day and Peter's day, 1 Peter 5:8

Questions

Knowing Job's Story From Beginning to End, If God Had Explained Himself To Job, Detailing What He Allowed To Happen To Him, Would It Have Made A Difference In His Behavior?

No! (Job 1:21-21)

Did Knowing Why He Went To The Cross Make a Difference In Jesus' Going ?

No! (Luke 24:46-47)

Thoughts To Consider

Is It God Himself That Job Cherishes, Or Is It The Earthly Pleasures of Family, Possessions, and Health?

Job Has Shown That God Is More Valuable To Him Than Family, Possessions, And Health

To Move To The Point That God Is The Most Important Thing Is Our Life Is Easy To Say

“If any man come to me, and hate not (does not love me more than), his father, mother, and wife , and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26

#3 We Need to Examine Our Own Relationship With God

- It's interesting that many children of God never give God a thought while they are doing their own thing, but seek to be religious when disaster strikes**
- They will live for themselves 99% of the time as if there were no God to be yoked by, but when tragedy strikes, it's God's fault**
- Folks, not only is this irrational thinking, but it's an insult to God, who has already given us what we need, to have a relationship with Him and help to manage the calamities that happen to come our way**

Observations


- **Now keep in mind that Satan wants to cause Job sickness and sorrow, just like he wants us to have sickness and sorrow.**
- **In fact, Satan wants to kill each one of us, like he wanted to kill Job, but God won't let us die until He is finished with us:**

“Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation in his own generation he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.” Acts 13:36



Instead of
Blaming God,
Christians Can
Run to Him
For Comfort!

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

- Don't make a mistake and quote this verse without its two qualifiers
 - The promise is to 1) *“to those who Love God”* and 2) those, *“who are the called according to His purpose”*
 - So instead of “blaming God,” those who love God can face tragedy and heartache, with the assurance that nothing can harm them that God did not allow for a good and loving reason
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In Summary

- **God allows the difficult things in our lives, even suffering, for His own higher purposes**
- **He can transform our grief and our loss into a platform for future ministry**
- **This world alone cannot provide for Christians the explanations we sometime desire, and sometimes God does not.**
- **We do not live by explanations, we live by promises, Matthew 11:28; 28:20, Philippians 4:6**

Instead of Blaming God We Give Thanks in Everything 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Through our tears - we give thanks

Through our disappointment and heartache - we give thanks

Through our pain - we give thanks

Through our grief - we give thanks

Through our sorrow - we give thanks

Through our tribulation - we give thanks

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38