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# WHO ARE YOU?

In JOHN 1:48 we read this question that Nathanael asked Jesus: ***...Whence knowest thou me****?*
We begin to find the answer to this question in EPHESIANS 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him* ***before the foundation*** *of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.* The Lord has known us before the foundation of the world, do you yet realize that?

So: **WHO ARE YOU**?

The goal of these lessons at camp this year is for each of us to see ourselves as God as seen us **before the foundation of the earth**. To go to our homes after camp is over, at peace within ourselves, knowing who we are, and for you to know in your own heart **WHO ARE YOU**.

Before we even get started, I can tell you by the authority of God's Word who you are if you have never accepted Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour. EPHESIANS 2:1 plainly explains that those who are unsaved are ***...dead in trespasses and sins***! 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2 further informs us: ***...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation***. In JOHN 3 Jesus Christ Himself informed that very religious Pharisee, Nicodemus, *...Ye must be born again*.

So: **WHO ARE YOU**? Are you born again, that is are you a new creation in Christ Jesus, or are you dead in trespasses and sins? Paraphrasing 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 we find that if any man be in Christ, He is a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that old things are passed away, and behold all things are become new.

We will spend the remainder of out time here at this year's camp addressing the believers, the racecourse runners, the overcomers, YOU that are saved.

So: **WHO ARE YOU**? **HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN CHRIST**? **DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS**? (Most believers don't.) **DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST**?

Truly these are good, worthwhile questions to ponder, and KNOW the answers too! The Old Testament full overcomers, the heroes of faith found in HEBREWS 11, all found the answer to the question: **WHO ARE YOU**? The same will be true for all New Testament full overcomers!

Let's start answering this question of **WHO ARE YOU**? By noting the fundamental facts found in the following verses of scripture:

ISAIAH 46:9 *Remember the former things of old: for* ***I am God, and there is none else****; I am God, and there is none like me, 10* ***Declaring the end from the beginning****, and from*

***ancient times the things that are not yet done****, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country:* ***yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it****.*

2 CHRONICLES 16:9 *For the* ***eyes of the LORD*** *run to and fro throughout the whole earth,* ***to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him****.*

We started out with EPHESIANS 1:4 *According as* ***he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world****, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love*.

We find in these verse of Holy Scripture that God knows the end from the beginning, and has known everything, and specifically everything about YOU, from the eternities past to the eternities future. He chose YOU in Christ Jesus; He chose YOU way, way, way before the foundation of the world. Furthermore Jesus Christ has already: *...loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen*. ...REVELATION 1:5 & 6. And 2 TIMOTHY 2:12 in forms us that He wants YOU to reign with Him! So: **WHO ARE YOU**?

David, a man after God's own heart according to ACTS 13:22, a man who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord according to 2 CHRONICLES 28:1, and some other scriptures; David wrote the 139th PSALMS. David knew who he was when he wrote the PSALMS 139. I start many of my days by reading PSALMS 139 to remind myself; Ty; **WHO ARE YOU**?

PSALMS 139:1 *O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. 19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. 20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. 21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting*.

What a powerful chapter of scripture, which you cannot exhaust in pondering its riches. Every time you read it you will come up with a little more of how much He loves YOU, and how well he knows YOU!

So: **WHO ARE YOU**? The Bible is full of the answers to this question, and the real heart of the matter is do you know who you are like the Lord already knows who you are? To know the answer to **WHO ARE YOU**, you must know who you are in Christ!! You must know like David expressed above, where you came from, where you are going, and who it is that is going with you to be your ever present help in both the good times, and in the times of trouble. PSALMS 46:1 informs us: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*. A present help means; a reliable help when trouble occurs. Furthermore we learn here, if we didn't already realize this, that God is on our side; and God is our protection and strength. PSALMS 46:10 & 11 concludes: *Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*.

We made note that all the Old Testament overcomers learned the answer to the question **WHO ARE YOU**? David was an Old Testament full overcomer, and we find David mentioned 1139 times in scripture. David wrote many of the PSALMS, like PSALMS 139 we just read. So how old do you think David was before he could answer the question David: **WHO ARE YOU**? We read in both 2 SAMUEL 22:30 and PSALMS 18:29 words of David: *For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall*. In PSALMS 18 David speaks of his deliver 7 times. Seven is the number of SPIRITUAL PERFECTION, or SPIRITUAL COMPLETION, and David well knew the Lord to be his Rock, and his Fortress, and his Deliverer! David knew the Lord to be his strength. David had overcoming faith in God! PSALMS 18:2 *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower*. How old was David when he slew Goliath? 1 SAMUEL 17:33 informs us that David was but a youth at that time. But David had a mother who taught him to trust the Lord; to place his faith in God. David's dad Jesse had his youngest son doing the menial task of keeping the sheep according to 1 SAMUEL 16:11. I don't think Jesse had any idea that little David while keeping the sheep would have to fend off a lion, or a bear. But 1 SAMUEL 17:34 explains that he did. 1 SAMUEL 17:37 reads: *David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee*. If you take the time to study 1 SAMUEL 17 you will find in the story of how this youth named David slayed the giant Goliath!! So we find that David was but a youth when he could first answer the question: David: **WHO ARE YOU**? David already knew as a youth the facts of HEBREWS 11:6, which states: *But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*. David had won many conflicts before facing the giant Goliath. By faith David had conquered fear, and perfect love casts out fear. By placing his faith in the Lord David had conquered the fear of facing the lion, and was able to slay the lion. By placing his faith in the Lord, David had conquered the fear of slaying the bear. Is any small thing hard for the Lord? Is any big thing hard for the Lord? Is anything hard for the Lord? Though still a youth, David, by faith, also had no fear of the giant Goliath.

In 1 SAMUEL 17 starting in verse 40 we read that David *...he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46* ***This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand****; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: <u>for the battle is the LORD'S</u>, and he will give you into our hands*.

David knew the Deliverer. The LORD of host is His name. He is God of the armies of Israel, and He still is. David knew by faith that the LORD would deliver Goliath into his hand! We learn here that the believer that comes to any foe like David did, will win! The secret to David's victory was his confidence in the Lord to fight his battle with holy assurance that heavens strength would prevail. 1 SAMUEL 17:48 *And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him*.

So, **WHO ARE YOU**? We have shown that David could answer the question, David, **WHO ARE YOU**? And I will let you in on a big secret, all of the overcomers found in scripture had faults, but they also knew (in time) who they were. More specifically they learned by manifold testings and trials the fact of PHILIPPIANS 4:13, which reads: *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*.

**JOB**

Why do we have the book of JOB in scripture? We will examine many lessons that we learn from studying a little about Job, which will reveal a little more of **WHO ARE YOU**. As we learned in our introduction, God knows who you are, and has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world. He has known who we are from eternities past, and knows who we are in the eternities future. Job did not have a Bible, and it is thought that the book of JOB may be the oldest of the Bible books. However Job did know the Lord, oh yes he did! Job also fervently served the Lord, and was, and is, a man of faith. We are getting a little ahead of ourselves here, so let's look at Job from the beginning.

Brother Hill taught the book of JOB a couple of different times decades ago on Wednesday night Bible studies, and pointed out that the 42 chapters of JOB mainly highlights about one year in the life of Job. Through JOB the Lord shows us how important one life is;

how important our life is to God. 42 we know is the number of HEAVENLY APPEARANCE. In chapters 38-41 we see the Lord making a HEAVENLY APPEARANCE unto Job. Brother Hill also liked to point out that Job spoke of God 54 times, and referred to Job himself over 700 times. Job spoke of death 96 times, and never once spoke of life!

JOB 1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was* ***perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil***. Simply stated, Job was sincere; upright; a worshipper of God; and was one who abstained from all wrong! So important is this statement of Job that it is repeated three times, (JOB 1:1; JOB 1:8; and JOB 2:3.)

If Job lived in our day he would be considered a billionaire! Noted in JOB 1:3 is a statement of his wealth: 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, a very great household, ...so that Job was the greatest of all the men of the east! JOB 1:2 also tells us that he had 3 daughters, and 7 sons at this time in his life, and they were the treasures of Job's life! To our way of thinking we could say that Job had it made. To Job's way of thinking at this point in his life Job also knew that he had it made.

But the Lord makes it known to us in ISAIAH 55:8 & 9 that our thinking is flawed. ISAIAH 55:8 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts*.

In JOB 1, Job didn't yet really know who he was, that is he didn't really know who he was in the sight of God. If God would have asked Job at this point in his life: Job **WHO ARE YOU**? Job couldn't yet properly answer this question. Job had no idea yet of the exceeding abundant above all we could ask or think riches of the grace God, and the word of His grace, which is able to build YOU up, and give you an inheritance among all which are sanctified! 42 chapters later full of the tests, and trials of life, we find that Job can properly answer the question: Job **WHO ARE YOU**?

We are not going to read the 42 chapters of JOB, but please take the time to do so in the near future if the Lord tarries.

We find in JOB 1:5 that Job continually rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings for each of his ten children. Job manifest himself to be a man of faith, who trusted the Lord for all phases of his life. The 42 chapters of JOB highlight Job as an Old Testament worthy of faith, and even though he is not mentioned in HEBREWS 11 as a hero of faith, we can still say this of Job, which Paul wrote in HEBREWS 11:39 & 40 -- *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect*.

Job lived before the time of Old Testament scripture, thus Job didn't have a Bible, yet he did indeed know the word of God, and had learned to fear, and reverence God. In JOB 1:8 we find that it was the Lord Himself who pointed out to Satan who Job was. JOB 1:8 *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a* ***perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil****?* Escheweth evil means: to turn away from evil. *9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 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.*

We learn here that the Lord has a hedge around us, around YOU, and that Satan can not do anything against YOU without first getting permission from God. We read in 1 JOHN 4:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*. If you learn nothing else from camp this year, please learn this: that ...*greater is he that is in YOU, than he that is in the world*.

Job knew nothing of this conversation between God, and Satan, but we do. We also know that Satan is a liar, and the father of lies, there is no truth in him, and he is the thief that comes for the sole purpose to steal, to kill, and to destroy lives. {Study JOHN 8:44, and 10:10.} Jesus Christ said in JOHN 10:10 *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*.

With this information as an introduction, do you think Job knew who he was in the sight of God? Could Job now answer the question **WHO ARE YOU**? Could Job answer the question, Job, how much does the Lord love you? It takes the remaining 42 chapters of JOB for Job to truly learn the depths of God's love for him. Job didn't know what is written in ROMANS 8:35-39, but we do. ROMANS 8:35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*. Job was about to face most of what we just read in ROMANS 8:35 & 38 –tribulation on steroids, distress beyond imagination, mental peril beyond description! These 42 chapters of JOB was not able to separate Job from the love of God, but Job didn't yet know this, however God did, for again God knows the end from the beginning. God knew this for Job's life, and God knows this for your life! So, **WHO ARE YOU**?

In JOB 1:13-19 Job's lost all of his earthly treasures; his 7 sons, and 3 daughters were all killed, and all of his animals were stolen, and taken away.

I want to spend a moment discussing this. These are not just words on paper. Job had lost all of his earthly treasures, and more important than this, Job had lost to death his 7 sons, and his beautiful 3 daughters. I don't want to rekindle old wounds for any of you, but I have a small idea of how devastating this can be. In 1928 about two and a half months before my mother was born, a life-changing event happened to my grandpa, and grandma. Their 7-year-old boy, their only son, Lyle, died from scarlet fever. I don't know the depths of what they went through at this time, but the death of Lyle deeply affected them both, for years to come. Grandpa quit his good job in Wyoming, and moved to Gering Nebraska, not being able to face life anymore in Wyoming. They had family in Gering, and two months later mom was born there. They further had a homestead in Wyoming, which they also sold. They cut off all ties with their former home in Wyoming, because the hurt was too great for them to face. In Job's case magnify that by 10. It took my grandfather over twenty years to get a victory of the death of his one son. One day during WWII he was reading in the newspaper of all the young men from nearby, who were killed in the war. Grandpa put down the paper, and said: "At least I know where my boy is." His grief had been held in for a long time. I think he finally realized what the Lord had possibly kept him from.

Back to Job. How did Job handle this devastating news? JOB 1:20-22 gives us the answer. JOB 1:20 *Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 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. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly*. Truly Job indeed was a ...***a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God.**

That is how JOB chapter 1 ends. Job didn't know that there would be 41 more chapters of lessons for him to learn here, and we are the benefactors of these lessons, for again Job's life highlights to us the importance one man's life to God, and we are talking about your life here. So: **WHO ARE YOU**?

JOB 2:1 *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 3 And* ***the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.*** *4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. 6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.* (Again remember 1 JOHN 4:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*. Satan can not do anything to YOU without first receiving permission from God! ) *7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.* (How long a time passes from verse 8 to verse 9 we are not told.) *9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips*.

Let's don't throw Job's wife under the bus here. Those were her 7 sons, and 3 daughters that had died too! She deeply loved them all! And now she sees Job himself suffering with boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. She truly loved Job, but like Job, she didn't yet know what God was working in Job's life, or hers. Part of Job's suffering condition, which God was in full control of, was his wife's attitude toward him. She bluntly expressed what was on her mind (*curse God, and die*) perhaps thinking that this would resolve his situation, but we find Job's true heart attitude here, and which words he chose to try and help her through this trial too: *But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?* This was a hard lesson for both of them to learn. And as an aside here, when the trial was eventually over for Job, it was over for his wife too, for in chapter 42 we find God gave them BOTH, 7 more sons, and 3 more exceeding fair daughters!

Back in chapter 2:11-13 we find that Job had 3 so-called friends that came to "comfort" Job. JOB 2:13 informs us that they just sat down an stared at Job for 7 days, and 7 nights. Their actions, without saying a word, expressed the thought to Job, so Job **WHO ARE YOU**? Job's three "friends" had no vision or understanding of God's plan, or God's ways, thus they couldn't help Job. ISAIAH 58:8 & 9 tells us*: For my thoughts are not your thoughts,*

*neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts*.

We know from what Job expressed to his friends that the Lord spoke to Job, and revealed the following facts unto him. Job expressed in JOB 12:10 this concerning the Lord, that: *In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind*. *...12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. 13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding*. *14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. 16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. 17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. 18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. 19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. 20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. 21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. 23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. 24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.* Still we find that ...Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly... as was noted in JOB 2:22.

Obviously Job here already knew who the Lord was, but interestingly Job didn't here yet know who he was! In chapter 13:15 Job made this declaration: *Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him*. This is a statement of overcoming faith is it not? In JOB 19 Job makes the following declaration: 25 *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me*. Another famous statement of faith that Job makes is found in JOB 23:10 where speaking of God Job says: *But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold*. JOB 23 is a chapter in which Job expresses his confidence in the Lord, yet at this time Job still couldn't properly answer the question: Job **WHO ARE YOU**?

Remember what God said about Job in JOB 2:3? JOB 2:3 ...***Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause***. Our tests and trials are given to us from God for what purpose? Brother Copely wrote in one of his studies that tests and trials of the overcomer are very strange and peculiar, often difficult to understand. Job himself, who possessed a faith that all his trials and afflictions couldn't shake, also had great difficulty understanding the tests and trials given him by God. In JOB 29-31 Job used the personal pronouns – "I," ""me," and "my" about 200 times! In chapter 29 Job spoke of self about 50 times in self-praise. In chapter 30 Job spoke of himself in self-pity, and in chapter 31 speaks of himself in self-righteousness! In JOB 32:1 we read this statement about Job's three so-called comforters: *So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.*

In JOB 31:35 Job expressed his desire: *Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me...* . We read in JOHN 16:24 this statement by our Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ: *...ask, and ye shall receive*. Job had asked for the Almighty to answer him, and he was about to get a double portion answer, which would in the end answer the question for Job: Job **WHO ARE YOU**?

In JOB 32 we find that a younger man named Elihu was sent by the Lord to answer Job. Elihu is mentioned seven times in JOB, and seven is the number that points to SPIRITUAL PERFECTION, which is found in Christ Jesus. The old man figured by our earthly father Adam, is contrasted in 1 CORINTHIANS 15 with our new man, who is Christ Jesus. Elihu represents the new younger man in our lives Jesus Christ. Elihu also makes it known to Job in JOB 33:4 *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life*. In JOB 33:17 Elihu answers the question of why the righteous suffer: *That He may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man*. Elihu speaks of salvation in JOB 33:24 *Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver* (redeem him) *him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom* (an atonement). Such ransom was paid on the cross of Calvary by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself a ransom for all according to 1 TIMOTHY 2:6. Elihu encourages Job with a lot of words of wisdom in JOB 33-36, and states in JOB 34:23 this about God: *For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God*.

Elihu was the first part of God's answering Job's request in JOB 31:35 ...*behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me...* . The Lord Himself answers Job out of a whirlwind in JOB chapters 38-41, asking Job 77 questions, which Job couldn't answer! Alas in JOB 42 Job has found the answer to the question: Job, **WHO ARE YOU**?

JOB 42:1 *Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes*.

Those of you with a Scofield Bible should read Scofield's note from JOB 42:6. Here is part of what Scofield noted: "The problem, of which the book of JOB is the profound discussion, finds here its solution. Brought into the presence of God, **Job is revealed to himself**. In no sense a hypocrite, but godly and possessing a faith, which all his afflictions could not shake, Job was yet self-righteous and lacking in humility. Chapter 29 fully discloses this. But in the presence of God he anticipates, as it were, the experience of Paul, and the problem is solved." {End of quoting Scofield.}

(Paul noted in PHILIPPIANS 3:8 *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ*.)

As we mentioned in the beginning of examining a little about Job, that the events covered in the book of JOB lasted about one year. Then we read the conclusion of Job, after Job learned the answer: So Job, **WHO ARE YOU**? JOB 42:10 *And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before*. We read in verse 12 that Job now had 14,000 sheep, 6000 camels, 1000 yoke of oxen, and a 1000 female donkeys! Additionally it is noted that Job also had 7 sons, and 3 daughters! But I thought we just read that ...*the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before*. Before all of Job's tests and trials he had 7 sons, and 3 daughters, and now he once again he had 7 sons, and 3 daughters. How is this twice as much as he had before? His 7

sons, and 3 daughters that were killed in JOB chapter 1 were now in eternity, but the Lord had now added to Job, and his wife, 7 more sons, and 3 more daughters, which was *twice as much as he had before*. Concerning his last three daughters, we read in JOB 42:14 *And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. 17 So Job died, being old and full of days*. And let me add this: Job now also knew who he was.

We read in scripture that God wants us to walk in all His ways; to love Him, to serve Him with all thy heart and soul! {DEUITERONOMY 10:12.} Furthermore, He wants us to walk in the way of good men; {PROVERBS 2:120} and to walk in the light of the Lord {ISAIAH 2:5.} The Apostle Paul wrote that we are to walk in the Spirit; {GALATIANS 5:16 &25}; and to walk in love, as Christ has also love us; {EPHESIANS 5:2}. The Apostle John wrote in 1 JOHN 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*. And again in 3 JOHN 3:4 the Apostle John also wrote: *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth*. EPHESIANS 4:21 further tells us that *...the truth is in Jesus*.

**EPHESIANS**

1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and* ***to the faithful in Christ Jesus****: 2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath* ***blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ****: 4 According as* ***he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world****, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having* ***predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself****, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein* ***he hath made us accepted in the beloved****. 7 In whom* ***we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace****; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11* ***In whom also we have obtained an inheritance****, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed,* ***ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise****, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. 15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18* ***The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints****, 19* ***And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty***

***power**, 20 **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead**, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

*2:1 **And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins**; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,** 5 Even **when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)** 6 And **hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**: 7 That **in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus**. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them**.*