Job - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, Marvelous Things

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JOB 5:8-9

God . . . which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number.

Job 5:8,9

God has created a most wonderful world. The variety, the number, the colors and patterns -everything is absolutely marvelous. But the greatest marvel of all is the work of salvation. In order for us to get to heaven, God had to punish His own Son for our sins. He gives the faith for us to use to accept Christ as Saviour. He will reward us for using that faith. He provides for us and protects us every day. Great indeed are the things He does - those marvelous things without number.

CareLines: Volume 3, Self-Confidence

APRIL 8

Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

Job 40:4

Young people, it's good to know that we, who are born again, are VERY precious to the Lord. He died to save us. We are perfect in God's sight because of the death of His Son. But, in spite of all, this I must realize that I myself, in my own strength, in my own intelligence, AM ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. My life, Peter says, is just like a vapor that vanishes away. I cannot answer back to God. I must lay my hand upon my mouth. BUT I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST which strengthens me. You see, CHRIST IS EVERYTHING. Give Him the first place - and He will use you for His glory.

CareLines: Volume 7, Ice Age

JOB 38:29-30

By the breath of God frost [ice] is given. . . . Out of whose womb came the ice? . . . The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

Job 37:10; 38:29-30

Most everyone agrees there was an ice age. Some scientists believe there were many of them. Most believe the last ice age was 6,000 to 10,000 years ago. Now what does the Bible say? The first mention of snow and ice is found in the book of Job. Job clearly wrote about vast ice sheets. The only "ice age" that the Bible speaks of occurred soon after the flood. Job, who lived shortly after the flood, wrote what God described to him. As students of the Bible, and for those at school, we need to first know and believe what God says, and then carefully discern what men may guess about concerning the world's history and geology.

CareLines: Volume 3, Stand Still

DECEMBER 2

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

Job 37:14

Have you ever heard a frustrated mother say to her toddler, "WILL YOU STAND STILL A MINUTE???!!" O.K., so she screamed it! Maybe God feels that way about us sometimes. You can almost hear Him say, "Will you stand still a minute and look at all the wonderful things that I've created? Will you stand still a minute and consider JESUS, My Son? Consider His beauty and power and majesty. Stand still a minute."

CareLines: Volume 7, Peace

When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?

Job 34:29

My confidence in the omniscient God should be such that I know that He is near even when Satan causes me trouble. Confidence in God gives an inner peace that outer circumstances should not be able to take away. This sort of confidence grows as we mature in Christ. As we grow in the Christian path, we get to know the Lord better, and with that comes our peace in His protection and presence.

CareLines: Volume 3, Listening

AUGUST 11

For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

Job 33:14

Power and speed were being enjoyed by the two snowmobilers on the newly frozen Michigan lake. The thrill of the 50 MPH ride was suddenly replaced, however, by an icy plunge into the water. Swift action by some on shore using ladders and ropes allowed these two to be rescued - but it was so close. God often speaks to us through the circumstances and “close calls” in our lives. Are you listening?

CareLines: Volume 3, Fighting God

JULY 15

God is greater than man. Why dost thou strive against Him?

Job 33:12,13

When we don’t submit to God’s chastening (we are not concerned about a difficulty that we’re going through) and carry on as if there is nothing wrong, then we are really fighting against God. And we can’t possibly win. Close communion with Him, no confidence in ourselves, and a sensitivity to our circumstances, will cause a humbling of ourselves before God and blessing will surely follow. Don’t fight against God - it’s not worth it.

CareLines: Volume 7, Accountability

If I did despise the cause of my manservant. . . what then shall I do when God riseth up?

Job 31:13-14

The N.I.V. translation puts it this way: “If I have denied justice to my menservants . . . what will I do when God confronts me?” He continues, “What will I answer when called to account?” Job says in his discourse that God made him and his servants. Each one will have to give an account of his or her life to God. So Job could not be righteous and look down on another of God’s creation. This is good for us to remember too. We are no better than anyone else. It’s only through the grace of God that we have salvation. Let us not despise others.

CareLines: Volume 3, Path, The

AUGUST 28

There is a path.

Job 28:7

There is a path that the birds don’t know,Vultures’ eyes can’t see,And the lions don’t go.But if we follow the Lord in the path He trod;Believe in His Word,And are washed in His blood,We’ll walk on the path to the home of God.

Have you found that path, my friend?

CareLines: Volume 3, God’s Servant

JULY 27

My servant Job . . .

Job 1:8; 2:3; 42:7; 42:8

Right after Job 1:8, Job lost all his children and worldly possessions in a catastrophe. Immediately after Job 2:3, God allowed Satan to touch Job and cause intense suffering from boils - head to toe. Then for 40 long chapters and several months Job wondered and reasoned and argued as

to why this had all been allowed. When he confessed that he was a sinner and humbled himself, God restored everything - doubled. And through it all Job was called by God, “My servant.” Incredible story!

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship

JOB 1:20

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

Job 1:20

Job worshipped! A remarkable statement considering that all his ten children had just been killed when the house they were in collapsed on them. And Job worshipped! Why? He recognized the power of God and the fact that His hand was in every detail of his life. I think it would be difficult for me to worship after a major catastrophe. But how about when things are going well? O, that we would spend time in God’s presence appreciating Him and His great love for us.

CareLines: Volume 3, God’s Hand

JULY 21

The hand of God hath touched me.

Job 19:21

The touch of God’s hand was felt by Job very strongly. God has to speak loudly at times if we get away from Him or if we become spiritually proud. Just the touch of God’s hand and all our “greatness” becomes nothing, all our strength becomes total weakness. What is God’s purpose in touching us? That we might give Him first place in our lives, that we might give glory to Him, and that He might bless us. Are we listening?

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