

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

### ***Have You Considered My Servant, Job?***

In a single day, the patriarch Job was informed of the loss of all 10 of his children, all of his livestock, and many of his servants. In chapter 1 of the book of Job, we learn that as one of Job's servants was telling him about a group of raiders (the Sabeans) that had stolen all of his oxen and donkeys, and killed all the servants tending to the animals (except himself), another servant arrived even as the first "was still speaking." This second servant told Job that fire came down from heaven and consumed his sheep and servants. Again, while this servant was talking, a third servant came and related to Job that another group of invaders (the Chaldeans) had stolen all of his camels and had killed all of the servants except him. Finally, while this third servant was talking, a fourth servant came and bore even worse news—Job's 10 children had all perished when a great wind struck the house and caused it to crush them. His 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, several servants, and 10 children were all gone in the blink of an eye.

This set of events happening to a single person on a single day has to be the greatest calamity that has ever happened to an individual in the history of time – at least the worst I have ever heard of. Can you imagine having to live through this type of news? And, as if being stripped of his worldly possessions and children were not enough, Job's body then became diseased from head to toe. His wife urged him to "curse God and die," and the comforting counsel of his "friends" quickly gave way to judgmental accusations. Wow! What a day!

We all know of the story of Job, the many lessons and the eventual outcome. But allow me just a little personal "speculation" about how Job "handled" this situation. Imagine Job, after receiving all of this news, sitting on a rock and just gazing into the distance with a glazed look on his face. A multitude of thoughts are going through his mind and then his wife offers her grand advice. Job murmurs, *"All of this and I'm left with her?!"* (Just kidding, ladies ☺). God does have a sense of humor after all.

Things are going to go wrong in our lives even through no fault of our own. We can try to reason all that we can, but sometimes there's just no reason – at least no obvious reason. We all know that and *"we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* We also know that we *"all sin and come short of the glory of God."* And sin has consequences. When you

consider all of this together, most of what goes wrong in our lives is our own doing. Our decisions, actions and, yes, sins will have an impact on our lives and even on the lives of others.

We must *ever* look to God in all things -- for guidance, wisdom and forgiveness. As Job never gave in to the chiding of his friends and wife to curse God, we must also never allow ourselves to think that God is the cause of our problems. He is the answer!

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***