

Speak To The Void - Receive, Return, Remove

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Text:

- **Job 22:21-30 (NKJV)**

“Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace;
Thereby good will come to you.

Receive, please, instruction from His mouth,
And lay up His words in your heart.

If you **Return** to the Almighty, you will be built up;
You will **Remove** iniquity far from your tents.

Then you will lay your gold in the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.

Yes, the Almighty will be your gold

And your precious silver;

For then you will have your **Delight** in the Almighty,
And lift up your face to God.

You will make your prayer to Him,

He will hear you, And you will pay your vows.

You will also **Declare** a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

When they cast you down, and you say, ‘Exaltation will come!’

Then He will save the humble person.

He will even **Deliver** one who is not innocent;

Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands.”

- **Job Back Drop**

- Job was a God fearing man who faced with horrific circumstances.

- Tragedy & Trial - Helps me with whatever I'm going through - It's not even close to what Job went through
 - Everything he established was taken
 - His Health, Wealth & Family
 - Please Understand that Job isn't a Story of Tragedy - It's a Story of Victory !!!
 - Too many focus on the problem rather than the Problem-Solver

- In our Passage of Scripture Eliphaz (One of Job's Oldest & Wisest Friends) is conversing with him and basically had just told him that the reason he was going through this tragedy was because he had sinned...

- **NOT ALL TRAGEDY HAPPENS BECAUSE OF SIN - BUT MOST OF THEM DO !!!**

- And Eliphaz exhorts him with a remedy of Kingdom Principals as if he was deep in sin.... that will be most helpful to us...

- **Sin: an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law.**

- The Problem w/ Job isn't that he was deep in sin
 - The problem w/ Job is that He was Deep in Sorrow.
- **Sorrow:** *a feeling of deep distress caused by loss, disappointment, or other misfortune suffered by oneself or others.*

Sin leads to sorrow – but not all sorrow leads to sin – there's some godly sorrow that leads to repentance.

- **Good News:** *These Principles that Eliphaz dropped will not only eradicate sin, but it will eradicate SORROW*

Receive: v. 21 & 22

- "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you. **Receive**, please, instruction from His mouth, And lay up His words in your heart.

You won't receive from "The Lord" if you don't spend time w/ "The Lord"

You can't receive what hasn't been released

- **Receive:** *To Take Delivery Of*
- **Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)** - *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.*
- **Too many people receive the word in their heads but never write it in their hearts.**
 - **Deuteronomy 11:14 (NIV)**- *Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.*
 - **Psalm 119:11** - *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Return: v. 23a

- If you **Return** to the Almighty, you will be built up;
 - **Sorrow is a wander from the Truth of God's Word**
 - And a Breaking Down of the Life in God
 - **Sin is a rebellion to the Truth of God's Word**
 - And a Destruction of the Life in God
 - **Zechariah 1:3** - *Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty.*
 - **James 4:8** - *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

Remove: v. 23b

- You will **Remove** iniquity far from your tents.
 - **Repentance is Required for Restoration !!!**
 - We are not called to stay the same

Our New Life in God Isn't Supposed To Be Filled w/ Sin & Sorrow; But With Power, Purpose & Prosperity !!!