

CHAPTER 41

CANST thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord *which* thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None *is so fierce* that dare

stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

11. Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him? whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

15 *His scales are his pride*, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *millstone*.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high *things*: he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

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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.

7 ¶ And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and

go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

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.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

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.

PSALMS

PSALM 1

BLESSED *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my

God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

God did not charge Job with the sins his friends had accused him of committing. However, God did charge him with not seeing himself in the light of the greatness and the majesty of God. Job's religious experience was no longer second-hand. He had met God personally, and this made all his earthly sufferings worthwhile.

In the last verses of chapter 42, God honors Job. Job had humbled himself before God and now God exalts him. First, God rebukes the friends of Job; then He restores Job's fortune.

Job lived for another 140 years, which suggests that he may have been 70 years old when these events took place. Since God doubled everything else in Job's life, it is reasonable to believe He doubled his 70 years also.

The main lesson in the Book of Job is not that a person will be rich and powerful when suffering is over; but, rather, that God has a purpose in suffering, and nothing can disturb that purpose. Even Satan must bow to God's control. Job was not suffering because of sins, but his suffering still made him a better man. I hope the Book of Job has been a great inspiration to you and that you will now be able to better endure the trials that come your way.

We now begin a study of the Psalms. Praise, worship, confession, and the outpouring of prayer characterize the Psalms. David was the author of 73 of the Psalms, Asaph composed 12, the children of Korah 11, Solomon two, and one each is ascribed to Moses and Ethan. The remaining fifty Psalms are anonymous. We speak of the Psalms as the "Psalms of David" because he was the principal writer, or compiler. David's real character is portrayed in them, and in them God's people generally see a pretty fair picture of themselves, their struggles, their sins, their sorrows, their aspirations, their joys, their failures, and their victories.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter" (Proverbs 11:13).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 19: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Why not do several things for your children today:

Pray for Them

Pray for them that God will have His will in their lives and that they will stay pure, clean, and dedicated.

Spend Time with Them

Spend some time with them today and plan to do so regularly. Your children need you. Recently I had heard of a preacher who had lost contact with his son. The tie had been broken somewhat. Oh, how easy this is to do!

1935

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WAS ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK CITY.

This is an organization that never should exist. If our law enforcement officials had enforced prohibition, alcohol would still be illegal. Of course, the age-old answer comes that it is impossible to enforce it. *NO*, it is *not* impossible! If we spent as much time enforcing this law as we do the income tax laws and other nationwide programs, it could be enforced. God pity a nation that has to have an Alcoholics Anonymous. God pity a nation that has to raise its taxes off of poison that breaks up homes and lives and wrecks health. May God deliver us from the liquor traffic.

1752

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DREW LIGHTNING FROM CLOUDS WITH A KITE.

This day certainly changed our lives. The electric light, the toaster, the iron, the refrigerator, the air conditioner, the central heating, the fan, the coffee pot, the waffle iron, the electric shaver, the electric toothbrush, the lamp, the radio, television, the phonograph, the electric saw, the lawn mower, the grass edger, and countless other things are for our enjoyment because of this step of progress. Thank God.

1943

THE WITHHOLDING TAX WAS SIGNED.

Let us not pay taxes grudgingly; but rather let us accept it as our price for freedom.

**ON THIS DATE IN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

1899

**IMPROVED BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS FOUNDED IN CINCINNATI.**

1854

**JAMES AUGUSTINE HEALY, FIRST BLACK
AMERICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP,
ORDAINED A PRIEST IN NOTRE DAME
CATHEDRAL, PARIS.**

**DEATH OF JACK JOHNSON, FIRST BLACK
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, AFTER AN**

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEAR RALEIGH.

1941

**DEATH OF MARCUS GARVEY (52), LONDON,
ENGLAND.**

1964

**U.S. SENATE IMPOSED CLOTURE FOR FIRST
TIME ON A CIVIL RIGHTS MEASURE, ENDING
SOUTHERN FILBUSTER BY A VOTE OF 71-29.**

Civil rights bill, with public accommodation and fair employment sections, was signed by President Johnson on July 2.

1963

**TWO BLACK STUDENTS, ESCORTED BY
FEDERALIZED NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS,
ENROLLED AT UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF GOV. GEORGE
C. WALLACE.**

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 49

AUTHOR: Unknown

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

The author was watching the righteous suffer and the sinful prosper. He was perplexed. How often we doubt to some extent the goodness of God when we see our neighbors prospering though they live in sin and we ourselves seem to suffer when we try to live righteously! Such was the case in the Psalmist's life. The key verse is verse 17, "For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away." The Psalmist is reminding us not to fret because of evildoers and their prosperity, for all the good that an unrighteous man will ever enjoy is on this earth and all the bad that righteous people will ever endure is on this earth. The day of reckoning is coming. Let us not fret because some appear to enjoy the luxuries of life more than we.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was read when one of God's people felt that his life was not being fair to him. From this Psalm he would gain strength that the Lord is good and that eventually in this life or in the life to come justice will be meted out.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS"

(Assignment 19)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

() Proverbs 13:20 (Rev. 20:15)

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

() James 4:4 (Gal. 6:8–Isa. 13:11)

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

() Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

() Psalms 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

() 1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.