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GOD RESTORES AND BLESSES JOB

Job 42:10-17

- His losses were restored (10).
- He was consoled and comforted by his siblings and acquaintances (11).
- He was doubly blessed (12 vs. 1:3).
- He was blessed with ten new children (13-15).
    - Would he see the original ten again? (19:25-27)
- He was blessed with longevity, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (16-17).
- In the end, he was better off – not only in his possessions, but more importantly, in his spiritual condition.

"…pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."
(1 Timothy 6:11)

Application

Job suffered the loss of all he had in the world so that he would become a godlier, Christ-like man. This was worth far more than the double blessing of temporal benefits that God restored to him.

God's purpose is that we would be conformed to the likeness of His Son, and He will stop at nothing to get us to that goal. This will result in trial and affliction to spur on our spiritual growth. To become like Christ is an end in itself that is worth losing all other things for.

Sometimes, God will take away our idols (worldly attachments) from us just long enough that we will become detached from them and more attached to Him. Once this is accomplished, He *may* return that which He took away. To grow spiritually, we need to know and trust God more – in order for this to happen, worldly distractions must be put aside and our selfish pride struck down.

"I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ…"
(Philippians 3:8)