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Reading - Job ch 7 v 1-10

James ch 4 13 - 17

Philippians ch 1 v 20 - 30

Situation of life - What is life all about?

People in the world ask this and spend fortunes searching the origins of life and looking into the future of life.

In Job in his life he found himself in tragic circumstances. He was living a good God fearing life but tragedy came into his life and he lost his family, wealth, possessions everything.

Our hearts go out to people in the world like this. Jobs health had also gone - he was covered in boils. The people surrounding him wanted him to finish with life but he told them he would trust God.

No hope in life - no thread of hope

There are men and woman crying out in the world tonight.

“I know that my Redeemer liveth” - Job had a hope deeply seated in God.

In the darkest circumstances in life we could have our hope firmly fixed on God.

Job tells us about the brevity of life. We live in uncertain times globally. Think of the changes in the last few months. Financial collapse effecting everyone. People are suffering all over the world. A lack in the necessities of life. Things are no longer dependable.

James tells us making plans with God at the centre is essential. Take God into consideration. We have to place God at the centre of every decision. In times of difficulty and danger we need to know God is at hand. Men and woman without God in their lives give up hope. James highlights that life is uncertain.

The apostle Paul tells us that Christ was his life. Paul was a very religious man - Jewish religion. He studied the scriptures and old testament law. He put to death many Christians in his blindness towards God. There came a point where God spoke to him and his life changed. God spoke to him directly from heaven. “I am Jesus who you are persecuting” (Acts 9:5)

He realised the truth about Christ - He was crucified upon a cross, sent out at the behest of Jewish nation and taken by Romans and nailed to the tree. He died and rose again going back to heaven. Paul did not believe until he heard God speaking to him. Paul was chosen by God.

God will speak clearly to us. Before God we are sinners. Paul was a sinner - a religious sinner.

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23)

Disobedience is there in everyone.

Nothing stopped him from praying and preaching. Even when in prison chained to the highest ranking guards.

God uses the wrath of men to please Him.

Men were hearing and believing the Gospel.

The Lord Jesus Christ is alive and able to save us from our sin if we accept Him as our Saviour.

What are we living for?

Is Christ at the centre of our lives?

We can trust Him. If we place our faith in Him we can trust Him for life, future and know His hand upon us. We need to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.