

PRAISING IN PAIN

Job & Abraham

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Main idea: keep focus on Jesus, worship no matter what
Magic: Jesus silk, gray to color or change bag & Jesus picture

INTRODUCTION

West Africa TASTEBERRY
Small, tasteless, coats taste buds
Called MIRACULIN
Everything sour eaten after tastes sweet

LIFE full of bitter and sour things
Easy to get negative, bitter
Miracle drug to turn all sweet = PRAISE

I. JOB

A. BACKGROUND

Read Job 1:1-5

No sin, etc., but suffering coming!

B. TEST ONE

1. TEST 1

Read Job 1:6-11

Satan: Job self-centered, paid off by God
Satan attacks, condemns our motives

Read Job 1:12

FATHER FILTERED - all trials
why God allow this to Job
Prove Job's motives to angels, us
Job willing servant - do anything to bring glory to God

Read Job 1:13-19

1. Oxen and Donkeys stolen or killed: 13-15
2. Sheep and shepherds killed 16
3. Camels gone, servants killed 17
4. 7 sons and 3 daughters killed: 18-19

2. RESPONSE

Read Job 1:20-22

WORSHIP- first time word used in Bible
define it
explain it
apply it

C. TEST 2

1. TEST

Read Job 2:1-8

2. RESPONSE

Read Job 2:9-10

Attitude or gratitude - praise
MIRACULIN in his soul
Never sinned - attitude of trust through it all

D. RESULT

Blessed with 2x as much

Read Job 42:10-17

LESSONS ABOUT WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS NOT

AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE (USA moving music, clap hands, raise hands, etc. - they did none of that!)

THANKSGIVING - based on liking, thanking for what God did
Worship unconditional love no matter if don't like it

SUNDAY AM EVENT

WORSHIP IS

MENTAL CHOICE, decision
To trust without answers
God always able even if he isn't always willing

Daniel 3:17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

FROM HEART, not voice, emotions
Attributing worth to God for who and what He is

NOT DEPENDENT ON CIRCUMSTANCES
Today: evaluate worship service by how I feel afterwards
worship is to be how it makes God feel, not us!

TRANSITION
Not just isolated case - seen with Abraham
2nd time worship mentioned in Bible

II. ABRAHAM

A. BACKGROUND

1. TEST

Read Genesis 22:1-4

2. RESPONSE

Read Genesis 22:5

3. RESULT

Read Genesis 22:6-19

How can this be a time of worship???

III. US

Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are you **when** people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

2 **When** you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and **when** you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

No one exempt
We need MIRACULIN, too

LESSONS ABOUT WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS NOT

DONE TO IMPRESS OTHERS

Abraham, Job alone, not with group
God, angels listen to our hearts

WORSHIP IS

PUTTING GOD FIRST

Before others, family (Abraham. Lot)
Trusting God will use it for His glory and our growth
Leaves in fall: colors always there but don't see until cold
God never wastes a tear of His saints!

COSTLY

Sacrifice, costs to worship
Trust God before self
Takes time, focus, attention, etc

OTHER EXAMPLES

Paul and Silas in Prison Acts 16

Habakkuk 3:17 Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Keep praising - no matter what
MIRACULIN!!!

Only last 4 hours, then need new taste
 berry must be fresh, can't pick and save
Keep going back to praise throughout the day!

FOCUS ON JESUS

Mt Moriah (where Abraham took Isaac)
 Jesus our substitute
 Abraham didn't have to kill son because God did
 we don't die because Jesus did!

THAT is reason enough to always praise!