

**Part 54 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
The Creator’s Confrontation of Job- Part 7 - WHO not WHY**

Admission vs. Repentance – Part 2

Job 40:6-24

Job 1:20-22 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹ He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

²² Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.



2 Corinthians 7 ¹ **Therefore**, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

² Make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

³ I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

⁴ Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; **I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.**

⁵ For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were **afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within.**

⁶ But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

⁷ and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

⁸ **For though I caused you sorrow by my letter,** I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

⁹ I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹ For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

¹² So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended, but that your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.

¹³ For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

¹⁴ For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before Titus proved to be the truth.

¹⁵ His affection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling.

¹⁶ I rejoice that in everything I have confidence in you.

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The “these promises” mentioned refer to those mentioned in Chapter 6:16b - 18.

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This verse is referring to Chapter 1:4-7.

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“I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.”; Paul is not rejoicing in the affliction itself, but in his relationship with the Corinthians in the midst of all this affliction.

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The repeated words again? **YOUR** – longing-mourning and zeal. These are the terms that God is drawing emphasis to here.

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Repentance is a continual state of change, it is not a one-off action or a one off admission of guilt.

¹⁰ **For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, BUT the sorrow of the world produces death.**

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There was a specific "matter" being dealt with here. I understand that **matter** to be specified in 1 Corinthians 5:1:

1 Corinthians 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

2 Corinthians 7:

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