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> **Highlight key:** = grace / *apart-from-works* truth · = the precious gift · **bold** = key terms

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Quick Recap: Authority over Death

Last week we saw that **Jesus had authority over death** — He said *"It is finished"* and bowed His head before giving up His spirit. Paul wrote *"I have finished my race"* before he died. The same authority is for you and me. Today we go slightly deeper: **Can God allow sickness in your life the way He allowed it for Job?**

God Is Good — His Love Endures Forever

When Jehoshaphat faced enemies he could not count, he did not send the biggest weapons first — he sent worshippers singing lyrics he wrote: *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever* (Psalm 136). The key to victory is believing from the heart that **God is good** and His love endures forever — not blaming Him when sickness comes.

> *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind…"* — **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

Before your life transforms, your **mind** must renew. Ask honestly: Can God give you sickness? Pain? Sorrow? Did God give and God take? Can the devil still ask permission to afflict you? You cannot love the Father boldly while doubting whether He will beat you or bless you. You must come to one answer: **God is good** — and God

is light. Either God is good or you say He is bad. You cannot have two minds.

Who Was Job?

> *"…that man was **perfect and upright**, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil."* — **Job 1:1 (KJV)**

Job was **perfect and upright** — but *not yet righteous* the way we are in Christ. He offered burnt offerings continually for his children (Job 1:5) — **temporary righteousness** that had to be renewed year by year.

> *"For the thing which I **greatly feared** is come upon me, and that which I was **afraid** of is come unto me."* — **Job 3:25 (KJV)**

Whenever we face trouble we say *"Job also had problems — so I must too."* But can we really compare our life with Job? Can God allow Satan to afflict you now? Only with a strong foundation can you say from the heart: **God is good and He will not allow sickness in my life.**

1️⃣ Everlasting Righteousness — What Job Lacked

> *"For the law having a **shadow** of good things to come… **can never** with those sacrifices… **make the comers thereunto perfect**."* — **Hebrews 10:1 (KJV)**

> *"For it is **not possible** that the blood of bulls and of goats should **take away sins**."* — **Hebrews 10:4 (KJV)**

> *"But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God."* — **Hebrews 10:12 (KJV)**

> *"…to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy…"* — **Daniel 9:24 (KJV)**

Job	You in Christ

Yearly sacrifices — righteousness **expired**	**Everlasting righteousness**
Hedge had to be **renewed** daily	Permanent hedge by the **blood of Jesus**
Miss a sacrifice → devil could enter	Protection is **permanent**

2️ God Only Gives — He Does Not Take Away

> *"…the **Lord gave**, and the **Lord hath taken away**…"* — **Job 1:21 (KJV)** — Job said this, but the whole Bible is written *for* us — not every verse is written *to* us. Judas hanged himself; we do not copy that.

Job knew only God — not the devil — so he attributed everything to God. Jesus clarified the confusion for His generation and for us:

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- Health stolen → **devil**, not God
- Prosperity stolen → **devil**, not God
- Peace stolen → **devil**, not God
- God leads in green pastures — wilderness came through **unbelief**
- **Resist the devil** — stop blaming God

> *"Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I **understood not**… which I **knew not**."* — **Job 42:3 (KJV)** — towards the end Job admitted he had spoken without knowing God's true nature.

> God's gifts are **everlasting**. If righteousness or life stopped tomorrow, it would not be everlasting. What God gave, He does not take back.

3️⃣ We Have a Mediator — Job Did Not

> *“If only there were a **mediator** between us, someone who could bring us together.”* — **Job 9:32–33 (NLT)**

> *“For there is one God, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus**.”* — **1 Timothy 2:5 (KJV)**

Immanuel — God with us. Job was separated from God, longing for a go-between. You have **Jesus** — mediator of the **new covenant** (Hebrews 12:24), not the old.

> *“And for this cause he is the **mediator of the new testament**...”* — **Hebrews 9:15 (KJV)**

> *“...he is the **mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises.”* — **Hebrews 8:6 (KJV)**

Old covenant	New covenant
“Bless me based on **my** obedience”	“Bless me based on **Your** goodness”
Deal with me according to my sins (Mount Sinai)	**Psalm 103:10** — not according to our sins (Mount Zion)
Pentecost: 3,000 **died**	Pentecost: 3,000 **saved**
Curse to 3rd and 4th generation	Sins remembered **no more**
Ministry of **death** — fading glory	Ministry of **life** — by Christ’s blood

> *“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made **righteous**.”* — **Romans 5:19 (NKJV)**

4️⃣ Heaven Is Purified — The Devil Lost His Access

At the start of Job, the devil went to heaven and requested permission to afflict him. Jesus closed that loophole forever. Why would heaven need cleansing if it is already holy? Adam once gave the devil access. Christ entered heaven itself with His own

blood.

> *“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be **purified**… but the **heavenly things** themselves with better sacrifices than these.”* **— Hebrews 9:23 (KJV)**

> *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands… but into **heaven itself**, now to appear in the **presence of God** for us.”* **— Hebrews 9:24 (KJV)**

> **Security illustration:** If a thief can easily take gold from a building, the security is weak. If you say sickness can easily enter your life, you imply the Protector standing guard is weak. **God is protector, not opener** of sickness. He is with you — Immanuel. If God is with you, no one can stand against you. He protects you not because of how good *you* are, but because of how good *He* is.

The Takeaway

1. Job had **temporary righteousness**; you have **everlasting righteousness** in Christ
2. **God only gives** — the thief steals, kills, and destroys; do not quote Job 1:21 over your life
3. You have a **Mediator** — Jesus, God with you; Job longed for one and never had Immanuel
4. **Heaven is purified** — the devil cannot ask permission to afflict you as he did Job
5. **God is good** — believe it from the heart and overcome every enemy, including sickness

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Based on a Sunday message comparing Job’s situation with believers in Christ. If it strengthened you, share it with someone still blaming God for sickness.