

## *“Worshipping in the Storm”*

*“And I'll praise You in this storm. And I will lift my hands For You are who You are. No matter where I am. And every tear I've cried. You hold in Your hand. You never left my side. And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm. ~ Casting Crowns*

**WORSHIP** - To worship is to show a lot of love and adoration for something. Religious believers worship gods, and people can worship other people and things too. Worship is an extreme form of love – it's a type of unquestioning devotion. If you worship God, then you love God so much that you don't question him at all.

### *\*Revelation 4:9*

We see here some very unimaginable events that befell Job in ch. 1

- **Vs. 15** - The Sabeans fell upon the oxen, the donkeys and took them away while slaying the servants in charge of them with the 'edge of the sword'.
- **Vs. 16** - The '*fire of God*' has fallen from heaven and has burned up the sheep and servants.
- **Vs. 17** - The Chaldeans made out three bands and fell upon the camels and have carried them away and have slain the servants in charge of them.
- **Vs. 18** - While Job's children were eating in heir eldest brothers house, a great wind from the wilderness cam and knocked down the house that they were in and it fell on everyone. All in the house died except this one servant.

### *\*Job 1:20; John 4:23-24*

- *“He was perfect”* - Job had the right ATTITUDE
- *“He was upright”* - Job had the right APTITUDE
- *“He feared God”* - Job had the right ADORATION
- *“He shunned evil”* - Job had the right APPROACH

#### *1. Job had the right ATTITUDE*

Not sinless; Job never claimed to be sinless, and this was never claimed for him. He practiced what he preached. He was whole, well-balanced, complete, a man of integrity, open, transparent; and he lived up to the light that he had. The root verb carries the idea of being complete, well-rounded, wholesome, sound, and blameless.

*\*Psalm 57:6-8; Psalm 108:1*

The Apostle Paul and Silas experienced something very similar...

*\*Acts 16:20-25*

2. *"He was upright" - Job had the right APTITUDE*

This related to his relationship with others and means straight, faithful, loyal; he as a man of high moral character. The two root words "perfect" and "upright" are also found together in Psalms 25:21 and 37:37. Taken together they indicate the peak of human moral achievement.

*\*Job 28:28; Proverbs 1:7*

Job understood the "fear" of the Lord. This was not an unhealthy terror for fear of cataclysmic retribution, but a desire not to **DISPLEASE** his Lord! He states that himself in 28:28,

3. *"He feared God" - Job had the right ADORATION*

Biblical Hebrew has no word that would translate directly "a religious person." The Old testament writers expressed it as one who feared God, and this to them was the beginning and the end of wisdom. Here the word for God is "Elohim", rather than Yahweh. Job had a high and holy concept of God, and as a result he hated evil.

*\*Psalm 34:3*

4. *"He shunned evil" - Job had the right APPROACH*

As a result of Job's fear reverence and respect for God, he avoided and turned away from evil. He rejected the evil thing and, as a deliberate act of the will, turned aside from temptation and opportunities to do wrong. His outward walk conformed to his inward convictions. Being for something (**God**) also implies being against something (**evil**).

*\*Job 1:20-22; Job 28:28; I Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 69:30; Psalm 95:2*