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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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THINGS JOB KNEW

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Job is an outstanding man of the Old Testament. The Lord said unto Satan, *“Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?”* (Job 1:8). Could these things be said about you: The Lord’s servant, none like him in the earth, perfect, upright, feareth God, escheweth evil? The expression, *“I know”* occurs 10 times in the book of Job. This writing brings to our attention three things Job said he knew.

JOB KNEW GOD WOULD VINDICATE HIM. One of the greatest expressions of Job’s faith was made when he affirmed in reply to Bildad, *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me”* (Job 19:25-27). If you had been Job, would you have been convicted that God would step to your defense and redeem your honor?

JOB KNEW HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH. In his closing speech, Job

declared, *“For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living”* (Job 30:23). We have an appointment with death. *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27). It is written, *“For the living know that they shall die...”* (Eccl. 9:5). We ought to live each day in view of being brought to death. Have you made your funeral arrangements?

JOB KNEW NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. Job answered the Lord, *“I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not”* (Job 42:2-3). Job recognized God as all-powerful and all-knowing! The great power of God is expressed this way in the book of Jeremiah: *“Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee”* (Jer. 32:17). Luke 1:37 records, *“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”* God knows all! *“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do”*

(Heb. 4:13). Recognition of these truths resulted in Job humbly submitting to the will of God. He said, *“Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes”* (Job 42:6). We need to humble ourselves and confess our wrongs. We don’t know as much as we think we do at times.

A lot of great lessons are made available to us by Job. These three lessons come to us from when Job said, *“I know”*. If you had been Job, would you have known what he did? Would God have vindicated you? Would the Lord have listed you with Daniel and Job as men of *“righteousness”* (Ezek. 14:14)? Would you have been a man of *“patience”* (Jas. 5:11)?

Would you like to go to a place where there is no death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain? Heaven is such a place! *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”* (Rev. 21:4). This should motivate us to do God’s commandments! *“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city”* (Rev. 22:14). **Will you enter?**

BIBLE MOTIVATION

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Do you need some motivation? Perhaps you need motivation to obey the gospel, to be faithful, to do what is right, to eschew evil, to work, to study, to save souls, to do the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58). Here are some good reasons to get busy and do!

HEAVEN. I want to go to heaven more than anything. It is a place of rest (Rev. 20:12-13), no tears, death, sorrow or pain (Rev. 21:4), and God is there (Rev. 21:3)! We must give all we have to make it to heaven! We cannot afford to miss it. Nothing is worth losing heaven over. Going to heaven motivates me to keep the commandments (Rev. 22:14), to not be a worker of iniquity (Mt. 7:21-23), to be faithful to the Lord unto death (Rev. 2:10).

HELL. Hell is a great motivator, just as heaven is! We must give all we have to make it to heaven and to stay out of hell! Heaven is worth every effort, staying out of hell is worth every effort! We cannot afford to go there for eternity.

Hell is a place of no rest and torment (Rev. 14:11) without the Lord (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Hell motivates me to know God and obey the gospel (2 Th. 1:7-9), not commit sin (Rom. 1:29-32; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8), be faithful and not compromise!

JUDGMENT. Knowing “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10), we should be motivated to be a good and faithful servant of Christ that we may hear, “Well done...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord” (Mt. 25:21, 23).

THE TERROR OF THE LORD. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Cor. 5:11). “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Mt. 10:28). Fear for God should be a motivator to do His will and stay far away from anything that displeases Him!

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.
“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we

thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again” (2 Cor. 5:14). The love shown in God giving His Son (Jn. 3:16) and Christ giving His life (Jn. 15:13) should motivate me to give my life — dying to sin, denying self, and living for Christ who died for me!

GOD’S ALL-SEEING EYE.
“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:13). Knowing God sees all and knows all (Ps. 139), that I cannot hide anything from Him, ought to motive me to be very careful to do what pleases Him and to not do that which displeases Him!

With these things in mind, let us be motivated to do whatever necessary in order to be right in the sight of God! If you haven’t, won’t you obey the gospel now? Won’t you be faithful and do the will of God!

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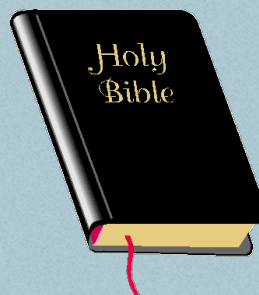
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