

## **GOD'S GLORIOUS FINALE FOR HIS SUFFERING PEOPLE**

(Job 42:7-17)

The life of every Christian is a love story whose author is God Himself. Our life story is a biography of God's glory, Christ's beauty and the believer's happy destiny. The plot of our lives, with all its twists and turns, trials and sorrows, ultimately leads to a marvelous destiny where the glory of God prevails, the beauty of Christ shines forth and our eternal future is to live happily and reign victoriously with the Lord forever and ever. That is what the finale of Job's life story depicts for us. Job's life story teaches us this reassuring principle: **Throughout the course of our earthly trials, we must patiently and trustfully wait for God's glorious finale for His suffering people.** God has given us a glimpse of this glorious finale through His twofold divine work in the life of Job.

### **1. God \_\_\_\_\_ *His suffering people.***

God's vindication of Job means that God will finally defend his cause, absolve him from wrongful allegations and restore his righteous name before others (Job 13:18; Psalm 135:14). God has finally vindicated Job in three ways. First, the LORD vindicates Job by rebuking his three accusing friends (Job 42:7). God's holy anger and righteous indignation were kindled against Job's friends because they spoke inaccurately and falsely about God. They misrepresented the LORD as a harsh and unkind God who punished Job because he must have sinned (Job 22:5-10). Second, the LORD vindicates Job by upholding his righteous reputation before his accusing friends (Job 42:7-8). Instead of condemning Job, God even commends Job and affirms that he has spoken rightly about Him (Job 42:1-6). God also honors Job by calling him "My servant" (Job 42:7-8; 1:8; 2:3; Isaiah 42:1; 52:13). Third, the LORD vindicates Job by appointing him as his friends' intercessor (Job 42:8-9). In an ironic reversal, the one whom the three friends accused of sinning against God is the one divinely appointed to pray for the forgiveness of their own sins against God (Proverbs 15:29).

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### **2. God \_\_\_\_\_ *His suffering people.***

No one could really be compared to God when it comes to blessing His beloved people. The LORD blessed Job with greater prosperity. God prospered Job with a double portion of material wealth (Job 42:10,12; 1:3). Furthermore, the LORD blessed Job with a grand family-and-friends reunion and celebration (Job 42:11; 19:14-19). God graciously restored Job's reputation in their community to the point where his own dear family and life-long friends who had previously avoided him are now reunited with him in intimate fellowship. Finally, the LORD blessed Job with renewed joy of a happy family and prolonged life (Job 42:13-17). All these earthly blessings which Job enjoyed after his suffering are but a tiny foretaste of the eternal blessings that await every child of God who trusts in Him. Job's earthly blessings cannot match the heavenly inheritance all of God's people will finally receive (1 Peter 1:3-9; Isaiah 61:7; Revelation 21:1-5; 5:13). If you are in Christ, your life's finale is eternally happy and glorious! (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)

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