

29: 1-11 (read)

VI. A QUESTION THAT ARISES FROM THE TEXT AND FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Message # 5: WHY IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT ENOUGH?

A. Introduction

What we know of our own righteousness in theological thought is that we don't have any until we are brought into the family of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. But moral righteousness is the subject in this discussion as Job reviews his life and works. When anyone has done so much good as he had done, why was the situation so desperate? And you and I are not likely to have the testimony that Job had but we will still not be guaranteed a happy existence by our good deeds. Acts of mercy, deeds of benevolence, general kindness considerations are all in good order but they were not enough in Job's day and are not enough in ours. The question is "Why?"

moral
social

29: 12-55
30: 1, 9-16, 25-26
31: 1-9 = "if"
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The text is Job 29-31 and the chapters are analyzed in this way:
29--a summary of Job's service, impressive
30--a summary of the rejection by his peers and others
31--a plea of innocence, one of the most touching chapters in the Old Testament

B. Discussion....but Why

1. The totality of need is too great...see the areas to which he refers and realize the enormity of the project
2. The appreciation of others is too minimal...it leaves one empty at some point.
3. The expectation of Divine standards is too high!
4. The understanding of depravity is too little
5. In spite of all we do, we remain sinners and fall short of the glory of God.

31: 13, 23
general

It is not enough for others, it certainly not enough for God.

35-40
40: 1-2
42: 1-6, 16

C. Conclusion: God provides the righteousness we need, not through our works but in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not our circumstances that produce it but our relationship with God. That we be right with Him is all important, that we do good in our situations is nice but not enough for the above reasons and others.

VII. CONCLUDING NOTES FOR THIS SERIES

1. We can endure much if we trust...2. We are alive, apart from everything else, to honor the Lord. 3. Our circumstances call us to Him. 4. We live in the assurance of glory and resurrection. 5. And our righteousness is found in the Lord as an established state. Read Job often and be thankful for saving grace!

Romans 4:5
1 Cor 1:30