

"Are You Bragged About in Heaven?"

Series: *Final Destination*

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...I want us to see that not only are either heaven or hell our final destination, but that both heaven and hell come into _____ in our lives on earth.

Note Job 1:8; 2:3

What was it about Job that caused God to _____ about him in heaven?
Job demonstrated:

1. Spiritual I _____ (note Job 1:1a,b)

"Blameless and upright" doesn't mean that Job was _____...(*note Job 6:24; 7:21; 9:20*)...it refers to being spiritually and m _____ upright...an i _____, sincerity, and consistency in his life and relationships.

His character reflected, i _____ (but enough to be recognizable) God's character (*note Ephesians 5:1*).

Note Romans 3:23

Job's life was steadily focused on _____ God...(*note Philippians 3:10*).

Job exhibited a:

2. _____ Reverence for God (note Job 1:1c)

"Fear" = _____ respect and reverence for God...a humble and respectful trust in God including a commitment to His will (His _____).

"Much of our difficulty as seeking Christians stems from our unwillingness to take God as He is and a _____ our lives accordingly. We insist upon trying to _____ Him and to bring Him nearer to our own image...We can get a right start only by accepting God as He is and learning to love Him for what He is. As we go on to know Him better, we shall find it a source of unspeakable joy that God is just what He is. Some of the most rapturous moments we will know will be those we spend in reverent admiration of the Godhead. In those holy moments the very thought of change in Him will be too painful to _____." (Tozer, "The Pursuit of God")

Note Isaiah 55:8

Biblical and human history show that creating a god in our own image is one of the most common _____ of people.

(continued on reverse)

As the many trials piled up in his life and his “friends” ended up doing more harm than good, Job started to deal with God according to his own standards of justice and _____, and God eventually responded (*note Job 38:1-5, 12, 18; 40:8-10, 14*).

Job was also:

3. Spiritually _____

- A. “Shunned _____” (*note Job 1:1d*) - he developed a spiritual discernment to know what to _____ and what to stay away from.
- B. Spiritual _____ for others (*note Job 1:4-5*)
- C. W _____ (*note Job 1:5*) - “r _____ custom”...
- D. P _____ (*note Job 1:20-21, 22, 2:10*) - He’s not a “f _____ -w _____” Christ-follower...he believed that _____ was still _____ no matter what the circumstances.
- E. Ready to acknowledge his _____ - his repentance is _____, uncomplicated, swift, and sincere (*note Job 42:1-6*).

Your Final Destination:

- Heaven is more than just a final destination...it is also an “observation _____” ...
- When God watched us this week, what did He see?
- We focus a lot on trusting _____ (and we should)...
- ...but the other side of the coin is, “Can God trust _____?”
- After watching us this week/month/year/decade, how much could God trust us?

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