

Job

Chapter 29

12- For I delivered the poor when they cried out and the orphan who had no one to help¹.

13- The blessing of the perishing came upon me and the heart of the widow I caused to sing.

¹ Job was a man that God had blessed with great wealth and blessings. Everything he did prospered and everything he encountered poured out a blessing to him. He was alone the champion of God in the earth and was called by God, “a perfect and righteous man.” God said, “there is none like him in the earth a perfect and a righteous man, one that fears God and hates evil” (Job 1:8; 2:3). When job recounts his blessings from the Lord and His prosperity he attributes it to his care for the orphan and the widows.

It is the nature of God to deliver the needy when he cries and the poor also and the one who has no helper (Psalms 72:12). Whether the person was poor, or blind, or lame, or widows, or fatherless, or friendless Job saw it as his responsibility to take care of them and supply their every need. To be so compassionate to the needed that he was willing to be eyes for the blind and feet for the lame describes a man of deep love and tender mercies. If anyone could have said they were too busy to care for the poor it would be a wealthy man like Job who doubtless had many duties in order to keep up with his enterprise but he found time to take care of such priorities.

When the light of trouble shined upon Job's life all that could be observed was unblemished integrity and faithfulness in doing what was right. Let us take up such a call from this time forward and dedicate ourselves to God's righteous cause and be His champions in the earth (James 1:27; Galatians 6:2; 1 John 3:18). The most important things to the Lord are constant self-denying exercise of love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Matthew 5:16; Acts 9:36; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 4:28; Colossians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 1 Timothy 2:10; 6:18; Titus 2:7; 3:14; Hebrews 10:24; 1 Peter 2:12).

Our inner cities are full of fatherless children and widows in affliction. There are so many families that only have single mother's struggling to care for them. If we were to turn our attention to these needy people we would see hundreds of thousands of souls come into the kingdom. We must recognize that the gospel is for the poor and the needy and we have spent way too much time on the rich and self-reliant. If we are willing to invest in being a father to the fatherless and a blessing to the widow surely we would change a nation.