JOB: Endurance for God

The book of Job / James 5:11

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INTRODUCTION:

Job's Character - 1:1-5

Job was one of three notable righteous men.
Job's righteousness is compared to that of Noah and Daniel (Ezek. 14:14, 20).

Job's Calamity - 1:6 - 2:8

Job lost his prosperity, his loved ones, and his physical health.

***Job lost it all; yet he endured and remained faithful to God.**

James 5:11 - **"Patience"** = the ability to remain under pressure; to withstand; to endure.

Note: the relationship between faith and patience (Ja. 1:3).

What beliefs enabled Job to endure to the end?

I. Job believed: God is fair and just to all (1:21, 2:10)

A. Job said: *"I am fortunate to have anything at all."*

"I came into the world with nothing and I will leave with nothing! So anything I have is a plus!" (1:21a)

SEE: I Timothy 6:7-11, 17

B. Job said: *"I am not the owner of anything; God owns it all."*

"Since it is God who ultimately gives us what we have, He has the <u>right</u> to take what He chooses" (1:21b)

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"If God has given me what I <u>don't</u> deserve, certainly He is fair in giving me what I <u>do</u> deserve." (2:10)

II. Job believed: God is <u>full control</u> over all (12:9-25, 14:5, etc.)

Job said: *"Since God is in sovereign control of everything, He <u>holds</u> all (v. 10), <u>hears</u> all (v. 11), <u>knows</u> all (v. 12), has <u>power</u> over all (v. 14-25), and He has <u>determined</u> all (14:5)."*

III. Job believed: "God is <u>worthy</u> of my <u>trust</u>."

A. Job determined to trust God right up to <u>death</u> (13:15-16)

B. Job knew he would <u>not</u> be <u>forgotten</u> by God (14:14-15)

C. Job knew he would be <u>resurrected</u> by God (14:14-15; 19:25-27)

Example - Hymn, "It Will be Worth It All"

IV. Job believed: God has a <u>good purpose</u> (23:10)

Job said: *"I know that God is purifying me."*

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CONCLUSION:

Job's endurance was rewarded (42:10-17).

Hymn - "It's Just Like His Great Love"

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