

# Job 42:7- 17 – The end, priceless gems

## 1) God's covenant relationship with his people 7 - 9

- Eliphaz, 'I am angry with you and your two friends'
- Job has spoken truth about me!
- Sacrifice is necessary for God's covenant relationship
- God involves Job in his friend's restoration.
- Obedience is necessary for forgiveness

## 2) Job's perseverance and patience

- Job has not given up!
- Warfare and faith go hand in hand.
- Job was not just in a battle – he was the battlefield!
- The battle for Job's soul is fought out in his struggles with all that Satan has thrown at him.
- God has trusted Job's integrity – Job's relationship with God is worship.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Perseverance and patience. An active patience that is rewarded.

## 3) Job's restoration

- Family and friends come round! Relationships restored, gifts given.
- Wealth and possessions more than he had
- 7 sons and 3 beautiful daughters
- Each given an inheritance
- Job dies an old man with 4 generations to enjoy

## Digging Deeper

Read Job 42: 7 – 17

1. Reflecting on the book of Job as a whole:
  - a. What has stood out for you?
  - b. What has left you with more questions?
  - c. What have you felt the Holy Spirit challenging you to do?
2. God says he is angry with Eliphaz and his two friends, verse 7. How do you understand God's anger?
3. What difference would it have made if Eliphaz and his friends had recognised that they could be subject to God's anger?
4. For Eliphaz his friends and Job to be reconciled a number of things needs to happen. What were they? Are we willing to value community and friendship to go through the same with those in the church fellowship, family and friends?
5. Sacrifice and obedience were necessary for all to be restored in a relationship with God. What does sacrifice and obedience look like to today and how do we teach and model it?
6. Job's fortunes are restored. He lives to a good old age, with family, respect and wealth. What are the benefits and the challenges with this conclusion to Job's life?