

Job 2:9-10

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The book of Job, I think we all know it or know about it, and how God allowed satan to tempt Job by taking all his businesses and killing his adult children. And when that didn't work, satan attacked Job's body by giving him boils from the top of his head to the tip of his toes, and we also know the end, and that Job did not blame God nor did he ever turn his back on God.

† **Job 1:20-22** *Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."*

In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

But there is another part to this story that we all tend to over look, and I don't think I ever heard a teaching on, and that is Mrs. Job. We only read about her once and that is in today's verses when she says to Job, *Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"* **Job 2:9** And if we were honest, how many of us would respond like Mrs. Job did. Because we tend to forget that other than God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, and the angels, that everyone in the bible, including Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, King David, Solomon, Paul, Peter, etc... and Mrs. Job, are all human, just like you and me, and all have a sin nature and all fall short of the glory of God.

† **Romans 3:23** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Notice it says "All" not "all but, Job and Abraham and..." no, but rather "*all fall short of the glory of God*" and the word "all" means "all" and that's "all", "all" means.

So with that in mind, think about Mrs. Job for a minute and what she went through. She had a Godly husband (That I think most women want in a husband), who also thrived in the business world and had several companies (so to speak) and was well know in the community, and was probably part of the government as some sort of official. He was probably in really good health and was the father of their ten children (7 sons & 3 daughters), who he loved and prayed for all the time.

† **Job 1:5** *So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.*

So, as a wife, you have it made with a family and husband and lifestyle that most women could only dream about, or hope for when they get married.

But then in one day, it all comes crumbling down as Job tells his wife that all the businesses are gone, all their employees are dead, except for one from each company, and all ten of their children died at once in a tragic accident. But we don't hear Mrs. Job's response to any of this, only that Job clung onto God. ***"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."***

But what about Mrs. Job? The bible doesn't tell us, but I bet she was in tears and her heart was broken over the loss of her ten children as well as going bankrupt (so to speak) all in one day. I mean, that would drive anyone to their knees and it is something that none of us could really imagine happening to us.

Yet Mrs. Job probably heard her husband's words of, ***"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."***

Yet, even though she may have heard her husband's word, what happened next was probably what we call *"the straw that broke the camel's back"*

† **Job 2:7** *So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.*

As she saw her husband in a state that she probably never seen anyone in as, ***"he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes."*** **Job 2:8** And after seeing this, as she broke, even though she may have been a godly woman herself, she still in her brokenness said to her husband, not to God, but to her husband, ***"Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"***

But Job stood, (or sat) strong in his faith in God and said to her, not with words of anger or hatred, but more of words that would let her know that he still believes and trusts in God when he said to her, ***"You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?"*** We do not hear from Mrs. Job after this, and hopefully because she heard her husband's words and realized that he was right, and that if he can endure such pain and shame yet still stand strong in the Lord, then she would stand strong as well. Also in the end, she is blessed again just like Job was, as Job had even better and bigger businesses and they (Job and Mrs. Job) had ten more children.

These should be words of encouragement for all of us, because most of us are more like Mrs. Job, and not like Job, because we hit that breaking point and lash out in anger, or brokenness.

But like I just said, Mr. and Mrs. Job were blessed with even more as they stood strong in the Lord. They didn't stand strong in the Lord so they could have more stuff, but simply because they trusted in the Lord, even through all they were going through, and we should do the same, standing firm and strong in the Lord, even if we hit that breaking point and lashed out in our humanness and brokenness. God is not surprised and He is waiting for you to get up and continue walking with Him.

† **Psalm 23:3-4** *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*