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Text: Job 2:7-10

INTRO: We know little about Job's wife. In fact, this passage is the only place she is mentioned in the Scriptures or in history except in 19:17, "My breath is offensive to my wife, and I am repulsive to the children of my own [mother]." And, yet, in these brief verses, we gain much insight to her that, in turn, might help us to practice some self-examination.

I. SHE BELIEVED IN GOD, vs. 9.

- A. She believed that God was real.
- B. She believed that God had power over life & death..

II. SHE PROBABLY ACCEPTED THE COMMON THEORY THAT SUFFERING WAS EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL SIN, vs. 9 -- "Do you still hold fast to your integrity?"

III. SHE VALUED THE PHYSICAL MORE THAN THE SPIRITUAL.

- A. Apparently thought that in the midst of physical problems, life wasn't worth living.
- B. But Job had a spiritual relationship that surpassed material matters.

IV. SHE DID NOT KNOW, OR ELSE ALLOWED HERSELF TO FORGET THAT LIFE DOES NOT END AT THE GRAVE. Heb. 9:27.

A. She apparently thought that death would "end it all."

B. Job knew that he would yet meet his Maker. READ JOB 19:25-27

V. SHE WAS UNWITTINGLY THE TOOL OF SATAN.

A. Added to Job's misery.

B. Tempted him to commit the exact sin that Satan had predicted that he would commit, 1:11; 2:5.

VI. SHE DID NOT DO JOB'S THINKING FOR HIM vs. 10.

A. Job remained faithful to God, & in the end, God restored Job's physical blessings in abundance, 42:10-17

B. But, best of all, Job maintained his faithfulness to God & prepared himself for the ultimate blessings that far surpass this physical realm.

CONCLUSION: Perhaps we need to learn from Job's wife so that we do not repeat her mistakes. And we need to learn from Job, that when things do not go as we desire, then problems arise, when burdens press, let us learn not to charge God with wrong (1:22), but to continue to serve Him

faithfully that He may ultimately bless us as only
He can do.

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