

Satan was convinced Job would falter in his faith and curse God if tragedy befell his life. No man could sustain devastation and still be as God described Job: "There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil" (Job 1:8).

So, Satan brought on calamity that destroyed everything Job held dear: his home, his livelihood, and his children. And then he sat back to watch Job abandon his faith and curse God for his torment.

But Job responded as a man of deep faith. He expressed the agony of his grief, but then he fell to the ground and worshiped his God: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised" (Job 1:20-21).

Unimaginable pain. But even more unimaginable gratitude as Job recognized God's presence and power.

Job fought to stay humble and faithful to God even when it was confusing. And when he prayed for his less-than-helpful friends, "...the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10).

We may not understand all the trials that surround us, but we can praise our ever-present and all-powerful God with grateful hearts and expectant hope.

1 Thank God for His loving presence in your life, as well as His protection and blessing over you. Even Satan acknowledged God's care for Job: "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land" (Job 1:10).

2 In great personal devastation, Job still worshiped God by proclaiming, "The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." Praise God for His continued presence and power in every season of your life (Job 1:21b).

3 Job suffered great hardship, but he trusted God in his dark season. "In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing." Instead, Job worshiped based on what he knew to be true: God's faithfulness. Thank God for His power to restore your life (Job 1:22).

4 Job's wife suggested that Job curse God in his agony. But God presented Job to Satan as a "blameless and upright man" who "still maintains his integrity." Praise God that He defends those who love Him and empowers His followers to battle sin and defeat the enemy (Job 2:3).

5 Express your gratitude that no matter what hardships come your way, God has the final say of restoration. Pray this truth for your life: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted" (Job 42:2).

6 In trusting the God of restoration, Job "saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years." Express your confidence that the Lord will see you through to eternal life with Him (Job 42:16-17).

7 Jesus commissioned His followers to engage with those in need of healing because "freely you have received; freely give." Ask God to create a heart of gratitude in you and show you ways to bless others with prayers of hope (Matthew 10:8).

8 Although Jesus healed ten lepers, "one of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him...." Express your gratitude for Jesus' work of salvation and restoration in your life. Pray that your loved ones will know the same (Luke 17:15-18).

9 Embrace the blessings in your life, knowing that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...." Ask God to revive your heart with gratitude for His gracious gifts to you (James 1:17).

10 We are to "forget not all his benefits." Just as the psalmist recalled God's many blessings, pray with heartfelt gratitude by declaring, "Praise the LORD, my soul." Let your words overflow with worship (Psalm 103:2).

11 Thank God for the faith He has placed within you—and for the love demonstrated through believers in your life. “We always thank God ... because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people” (Colossians 1:3-4).

12 Join the psalmist in declaring, “I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.” Praise God that He has opened your eyes to the power of salvation. Ask Him to overwhelm your loved ones with His presence (Psalm 13:5).

13 Although you have not seen Jesus with your physical eyes, praise Him for the gift of salvation and belief that fills you “with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” Ask for a powerful move of the Spirit across our nation with reviving faith and the salvation of souls (1 Peter 1:8-9).

14 Pray for your heart to be revived with hope. Ask God to restore “the joy of your salvation” and grant you and all believers “a willing spirit” that sustains His Church with His power and presence (Psalm 51:12).

15 Praise God for His gracious gift of salvation. Pray that you will not be “ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” Pray for believers to be empowered with boldness (Romans 1:16).

16 God’s power is magnified when we declare that “salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Pray for this power and presence of God to saturate our nation and compel the lost to seek Him (Acts 4:12).

17 Pray for an awakening of unbelievers who will seek God, that they might rejoice and be glad in Christ. Pray that they will “long for [God’s] saving help” and declare, “The LORD is great!” (Psalm 40:16).

18 Pray that believers “will trust and not be afraid.” Ask God to empower His people to declare throughout our nation that “the LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” May this confidence in God demonstrate His power and presence to the lost (Isaiah 12:2).

19 In a time when the world shakes and groans, pray that believers will faithfully declare, “The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.” Pray that those who need Jesus will witness God’s power at work through His people (Psalm 18:2a).

20 Pray that believers will offer assurance of the hope of salvation by confidently declaring “my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Pray that your loved ones will join you in taking refuge in Christ alone (Psalm 18:2b).

21 Express your gratitude that “the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” Pray that you will live with God-given boldness to share the gospel, pray for the miraculous, and stand in truth no matter the opposition (2 Timothy 1:7).

22 Praise God that we are not left defenseless in an evil and tumultuous world, but that we have “authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy.” Ask the Spirit to fill you with powerful prayers to combat evil and reveal truth (Luke 10:19).

23 Jesus is the “radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” Pray for Jesus’ presence, power, and glory to radiate as you seek Him for spiritual awakening in our nation (Hebrews 1:3).

24 Praise God that His Kingdom “is not a matter of talk but of power.” Pray that your conversations are saturated with the truth of the gospel and confidence in Jesus to transform lives (1 Corinthians 4:20).

25 Declare that “Yours, LORD is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.” Pray that your church, your loved ones, and all believers will be revived with gratitude for God’s glory and power in our lives (1 Chronicles 29:11a).

26 Everything in heaven and earth belongs to the Lord. He is “exalted as head over all.” Praise God that you can trust His plans and purposes for your life. Pray that you will be a conveyor of hope! (1 Chronicles 29:11b).

27 On this Thanksgiving Day, let your gratitude to God be known to your loved ones: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted” (Isaiah 12:4).

28 God responded to Moses’ plea for His glory to be known: “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence.” Pray that others will have hope in God because He displays His presence and power in your life (Exodus 33:18-19).

29 In the chaos of our world, pray with confidence for God to send spiritual awakening to our nation. We need not fear, for He is with us. We need not be dismayed, for He will strengthen us and uphold us with His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

30 Praise God that a glorious future awaits followers of Jesus Christ. Just as “the LORD blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part,” so you are assured of a destiny filled with the riches of God’s presence and power forever (Job 42:12).