

# Job 42:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

## Analysis

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"Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before." After restoration begins, Job's family and former friends return. Their absence during suffering but presence during prosperity exposes fair-weather friendship. Yet Job receives them graciously. God restores community alongside material blessings. This teaches that restoration includes renewed relationships, though we must recognize that some relationships are conditional and shallow. The verse also demonstrates God's comprehensive restoration—nothing partial or incomplete.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern culture emphasized community and family relationships. Their absence during Job's suffering violated social obligations. Their return during restoration revealed cultural tendency to associate with success. This would teach readers to value faithful friends who remain during trials over those who return only during prosperity.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Who has proven faithful during your suffering versus who only appears during prosperity?
2. How can you graciously receive those who return after abandoning you in trials?

## Interlinear Text

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| עִמּוֹ וְיִאכְלֶת                                    | לִפְנֵי יְמֵי | לִפְנֵי יְמֵי     | בְּפָנֵי יְמֵי | וְיִהְרָא |
| H3605 and all they that had been of his acquaintance | H3045 before  | H6440 and did eat | H5973          | H398      |

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| לִקְמָה      | בְּבַיתוֹ                    | לְזִקְנָה                | לְזִקְנָה | לְזִקְנָה | לְזִקְנָה                | אֶת | לְזִקְנָה |
| <b>bread</b> | <b>with him in his house</b> | <b>and they bemoaned</b> |           |           | <b>him and comforted</b> |     |           |
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בְּ זִמְרָה וְאֶשְׁתָּוֹתְךָ אֶשְׁתָּוֹתְךָ לְזִמְרָה קְשִׁיטָה וְאֶשְׁתָּוֹתְךָ אֶשְׁתָּוֹתְךָ לְזִמְרָה

also gave <sup>הָ</sup> and every one piece of money him a and every one an earring

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of gold him a

## Additional Cross-References

**Job 2:11** (Evil): Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

**Proverbs 16:7** (References Lord): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

**Genesis 24:22** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

**Hebrews 12:12** (Parallel theme): Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

**Hebrews 13:3** (Parallel theme): Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

**Job 4:4** (Parallel theme): Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

**Job 16:5** (Parallel theme): But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage your grief.

**Romans 12:15** (Parallel theme): Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

**1 Corinthians 12:26** (Parallel theme): And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

**Genesis 37:35** (Parallel theme): And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.