

# 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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הָבָּ יָא      אֵלָיו      כָּל      אָחִיו      וְכָל      אֲחֵיֶיהָ יוֹ  
Then came      H413      H3605      there unto him all his brethren      H3605      and all his sisters  
H935      H251      H269

וְכָל      יָדָעַ יוֹ      לְפָנָיו      וַיֹּאכַל וְ  
H3605      and all they that had been of his acquaintance      before      and did eat      H5973  
H3045      H6440      H398

לֶחֶם      בְּבֵיתוֹ      וַיִּדְּוּ      לוֹ      וַיְנַחֵם וְ  
bread      with him in his house      and they bemoaned      H0      him and comforted      H853  
H3899      H1004      H5110      H5162

עַל      כָּל      הָרָעָה      אֲשֶׁר      הָבָּ יָא      יְהוָה      עָלָיו יוֹ  
H5921      H3605      him over all the evil      H834      Then came      that the LORD      H5921  
H7451      H935      H3068

וַתֵּנוּ      לְ      וְאִישׁ      קֶשֶׁט      אֶחָד:      וְאִישׁ      נָזִם  
also gave      H0      and every one      piece of money      him a      and every one      an earring  
H5414      H376      H7192      H259      H376      H5141

אֶחָד:      זָהָב  
of gold      him a  
H2091      H259

## Additional Cross-References

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**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 assuage 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.