

Job 42:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

Analysis

"So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them." Job's friends obey God's instruction to bring sacrifices and have Job pray for them. Their compliance demonstrates appropriate response to divine rebuke. Though they spoke wrongly about God (v.7), they accept correction and God's prescribed remedy. This teaches that even serious theological error can be forgiven when we humbly accept correction and follow God's prescribed path to reconciliation.

Historical Context

Sacrificial systems throughout ancient Near East sought divine favor and forgiveness. God's acceptance of sacrifice through Job's mediation established Job's vindication while providing path for friends' restoration. This demonstrated that God desires reconciliation, providing means for forgiveness even after serious error.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you respond to correction about theological errors—defensively or with humble acceptance?
2. What relationships need restoration through accepting correction and following God's prescribed path?

Interlinear Text

צָפָר	בְּשָׁוֹת	וּבְלַד	בְּפִימָן	וְאַלִּיפָּז	וְלָכָז
H6691	the Shuhite	and Bildad	the Temanite	So Eliphaz	H1980
H7747	H1085	H8489	H464		
אַלִּיךְ מָ	דָּבָר	כִּאָשָׁר	רִיעָשָׁה	וְהַפְּעָמָת	וְהַפְּעָמָת
the Naamathite	and did	H834	H1696	commanded	H413
H5284	H6213				
אִזְבָּן	פָּנִים	אַתָּה	יְהִי הָ	יְהִי אָ	אַלְיָזָר
Job	H347	H853	H3068	according as the LORD	according as the LORD
H6440				H3068	H5375

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:8 (Parallel theme): By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Acts 9:6 (References Lord): And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Acts 10:33 (Parallel theme): Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Matthew 7:24 (Parallel theme): Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Isaiah 60:14 (References Lord): The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Job 22:27 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

Job 42:8 (Parallel theme): Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

Ecclesiastes 9:7 (Parallel theme): Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

John 2:5 (Parallel theme): His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.