

Greetings in the name of the Lord and savior Jesus Christ!

CALL – God Hears You

Text: Job 1:20–22; Job 42:1–10

Theme: Even when life breaks you, don't stop calling on God.

Introduction

Praise the Lord church.

Today we are starting a new sermon series called CALL – God Hears You. In this series, we are going to learn from people in the Bible who called on God in different seasons of life. Some called in joy, some called in confusion, some called in pain, and some called when they had nothing left. But the truth is this, every time they called on God, Heaven responded in its own perfect way.

Today we begin with the life of Job. If there is one person in the Bible who teaches us what it means to call on God in pain, it is Job.

Many think we call on God when we are happy or when we need blessings. But the truth is, real prayer is revealed in pain. When life is stable, anyone can praise God. But when life is broken, only faith can still call on God.

Maybe today someone is sitting here with questions in the heart. Why did this happen? Why am I going through this? Why is God silent? Why are prayers not answered? The story of Job speaks directly into these questions.

Job teaches us that calling on God is not dependent on understanding God's plan. Calling on God is trusting God's heart even when we cannot see His hand.

Today we will learn three simple truths from Job's life.

Call on God Even When Everything Is Lost

Job 1:20–22 says, “Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’”

In one moment, Job lost almost everything. He lost his wealth, his servants, and all his children. Imagine receiving news one after another that everything you built over years is gone. There is no time to process one loss before another report comes.

At that moment, Job had two choices. He could either turn away from God in anger or he could call on God in worship. The Bible says Job fell to the ground and worshiped.

This is very important. Job did not deny his pain. He did not pretend he was strong. He tore his robe and shaved his head, which shows deep grief. But in the middle of grief, he chose worship.

Calling on God does not mean denying pain. Calling on God means bringing pain into God’s presence.

Many people stop calling on God when life becomes painful. Some say, “If God loved me, this would not happen.” But Job shows us something different. He shows us that even when life falls apart, God is still worthy of worship.

Worship is not a response to blessings alone. Worship is a declaration that God is still good even when life is not.

Application: Do not stop praying when life gets difficult. Your greatest prayer in pain may simply be, “Lord, I still trust You.”

Call on God Even When You Do Not Understand

As Job’s suffering continued, confusion increased. His friends came to comfort him but instead accused him. They said his suffering must be because of sin. But they were wrong.

Sometimes people around us try to explain our pain, but they do not understand the full picture. They give advice without knowing the full story.

In Job 23:10, Job says, “But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.”

This is one of the most powerful statements in the Bible. Job is saying, “I do not understand everything, but God still knows my path.”

There are seasons in life when heaven feels silent. We pray, but there is no immediate answer. We cry, but nothing changes. We ask questions, but there is no voice.

But silence does not mean absence. God’s silence is not God’s rejection.

A teacher is silent during an exam, but that does not mean the teacher is absent. A parent sometimes watches quietly as a child grows through difficulty, but that does not mean the parent has stopped caring. In the same way, God may be silent, but He is still present.

Calling on God in these moments means trusting Him even when we do not understand Him.

Faith is not the absence of questions. Faith is choosing to trust God even with unanswered questions.

Application: Keep calling on God even when you do not understand what He is doing. God is working behind the scenes even when you cannot see it.

Call on God with Humility and Forgiveness

Near the end of Job’s story, God speaks to Job. God does not answer every question Job asks. Instead, God reveals His greatness and reminds Job that His wisdom is higher than human understanding.

Job responds in humility. In Job 42:2 he says, “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.”

Then Job says something powerful: “My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.”

This means Job’s suffering did not push him away from God. It brought him closer to God.

But the final stage of Job's story is very important. God tells Job to pray for his friends who misunderstood and accused him. These were the same friends who hurt him deeply.

Instead of holding bitterness, Job obeys God and prays for them. And the Bible says in Job 42:10, "And the Lord restored Job's fortunes when he prayed for his friends."

This is powerful. Restoration came after forgiveness. Healing came after prayer for others. Blessing came after humility.

Calling on God is not only about asking for personal needs. It is also about allowing God to shape our heart. Sometimes God's greatest work is not changing our situation, but changing our attitude.

Forgiveness is not easy, especially when people misunderstand us in our pain. But Job teaches us that when we release others, we open the door for God's restoration in our own lives.

Application: Is there someone you need to forgive today? Is there someone you need to pray for instead of holding bitterness? Calling on God includes calling Him to heal our heart.

Lessons from Job's Calling

Let us summarize what we learn from Job:

First, call on God even when everything is lost.

Second, call on God even when you do not understand.

Third, call on God with humility and forgiveness.

Job teaches us that prayer is not just asking for answers. Prayer is staying connected to God in every season of life.

Sometimes God removes things from our lives not to destroy us, but to deepen our trust in Him. Sometimes God allows silence not to punish us, but to grow our faith.

Job's story reminds us that what we lose in life is not greater than the God we still have.

Conclusion

Church, everyone in life will face pain. No one is exempt. At some point, every believer will walk through a season of confusion, loss, or silence.

But the message of Job is simple.

Do not stop calling on God.

When life is good, call on God.

When life is painful, call on God.

When you understand, call on God.

When you do not understand, still call on God.

Because God hears every call.

Maybe today you are tired. Maybe you are carrying burdens no one knows. Maybe you are waiting for answers that have not come.

God's message to you through Job is this: I have not forgotten you. I have not left you. I am still working in your life.

Your pain is not the end of your story. Your silence is not the final chapter.

Keep calling.

Because God hears you.