**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 114**

A. The Blessings on Job (1:1-2:10)

 B. The Friends of Job (2:11-13)

 **C. The Curses on Job (3:1-26)**

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B.’ The Friends of Job (42:7-10)

A.’ The Blessings on Job (42:11-17)

**PREMISE: The Critic of the Creation and the Creator received condemnation about his Pride. Pride is a heart condition about which repentance is required! Job needed to repent of his Pride toward God!**

**Observations:**

1. *“Proud”* (48x); *“Pride”* (49x); *“puffed up”* (I Cor. 4:6, 18.19; 5:2; 13:4; Col. 2:18).

2. When Job lost everything about his person (Job 1:1), his possessions (Job 1:14-17), his progeny (Job 1:18-19), and his performance (Job 2:7-10; 29-31), he lost everything for which he was proud!

3. When we are stripped of everything, all that is left is the pride of our old nature! We need to be authentic about our weakness as saved sinners (I Cor. 1:26-31).

4. Don’t be the hero of all of your stories. Don’t act as if you are the prettiest in the mirror, or that you have the greatest possessions, or you have the perfect children, or the greatest service for Christ (II Cor. 12:11 [we are “nothings”])!

**C.’ The Repentance of Job (42:1-6)**

***1. The Realization of Job (vv. 1-2)***

 a. His Submission (v. 1) > it was time to submit to the LORD

 b. His Subscription (v. 2) > it was time to subscribe to truth about his pride

 1) The Omnipotence of the LORD > *“do every thing”* > Eccl. 3:1-8

 2) The Omniscience of the LORD > *“no thought can be withholden” >* Isa. 55:8-9

***2. The Recollection of Job (vv. 3-4)***

 a. He reviewed the words of the LORD (Job 38:2) > *“darkeneth counsel”*

 b. He reviewed the words of the LORD (Job 38:3) > *“I will demand…answer”*

***3. The Reality of Job (v. 5)***

 a. His reality of Hearing about the LORD > Job’s 2 references (12:9; 28:28)

 b. His reality of Seeing the LORD (Job 38:1; 40:6) > Rev. 1:13-15

***4. The Repentance of Job (v. 6)***

 a. He recognized his sin of pride > I Tim. 4:16

 b. He repented of his sin of pride

 1) The Action: *Nacham* (108x) > Lk. 13:3, 5; 17:3-4

 2) The Attitude: in dust and ashes

 3) The Answer: ***of what did he repent?***

 a) “danger of pride” (Hartley)

 b) “desire for personal vindication” (Wilson)

 c) ignorance (many fundamentalists)

 d) PRIDE!

\*“*Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit”* (Eccl. 7:8) > **Contrast** > *“end”* and *“patient”* versus *“beginning”* and *“pride”*

*\*“Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of* ***the patience of Job,*** *and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy”* (Jam. 5:11)

**CONCLUSION**: **Our Ego supports self-preservation and promotes Pride. We are saved sinners humbled at the Cross and need to stay humbled because of the Cross!**