

**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . .curse God and die . . . ”**  
*Job 2:9*

It is not uncommon to find someone who shares the same sentiment that Job’s wife did when she said, “Curse God and die!” Unfortunately there are many people in the world today who reveal this sentiment, if not verbally, by their conduct; which is to be expected on some level since the lost don’t have a personal relationship with God. On the other hand, there are some in the church that share the same feelings of Job’s wife. For whatever reasons of adversity, they feel wronged by God and claim that He has treated them unfairly. Does that mean that they are lost? Not necessarily, it might just mean that they are immature in their faith or perhaps hurting far worse than they think they should have to. However, one thing is for certain, their view of God’s sovereignty is in question.

Mankind was created by God, for God. Mankind was not created by themselves for themselves. The believer is saved by God, for God. The believer did not, could not, and cannot save themselves even for themselves. Therefore the believer is indebted to God by a debt that can never be repaid by them (only by Jesus Christ). Left to his or her own doings, that is without Christ, the sinner would (and will) be destroyed. So the believer is bought with a price and are not their own. The apostle Paul refers to believers as bondservants of God. The believer is at God’s disposal according to His good pleasure.

A believer must ask and answer the question, “What is worse than eternal condemnation?” In other words, “What is worse than being separated from the love and the presence of God forever? Is illness, financial ruin, loss of family, and personal wealth, as well as, our very own lives worse than being eternally separated from God and spending eternity in hell? All adversity is painful on some level, but no adversity is as painful as being separated from God forever.

Therefore, the believer’s perspective should be that of Romans 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Job’s wife’s attitude wasn’t reflective of a heart toward God. (To be fair, we don’t know why she reacted the way she did. Maybe she was distraught over having just lost all that Job had lost as well as the prospect of now losing Job.) But it’s in times of intense adversity that, if the believer can endure without wearying or giving into temptation, a glorious testimony for God he or she may become.

This is easy to write about, and to talk about, but living it is another dynamic altogether. So let the believer take courage to prepare him or herself through spiritual discipline for the potential and inevitable times of adversity in their lives so that we are not caught short being heard to say, just “curse God and die.”