

Transforming Daily
“ . . . blameless and upright . . . ”
Job 1:1

There is only one way for a person to be blameless and upright and that is to be saved. One is not blameless and upright to be saved. One is saved to be blameless and upright. In other words, no one is saved by their own works, but having been saved by grace through faith, one works for the glory of God. Job fit that description. If you read the first eight verses of Job, chapter one, you will see that Job's life reflects the characteristics of a believer.

Some people might use this passage to justify their argument for a works salvation. However, their claims would be miscontextualized. The Bible says in Romans that there are none righteous, no not even one (with the exception of Jesus Christ). Therefore, Job, just like any other believer, was declared righteous by the grace of God. Job did righteously because he was empowered by the Spirit of God to do so; otherwise, Job's life was in vain, which is exactly the whole point of the book of Job – Divine or Sovereign retribution.

In modernity, and now in postmodernity, spanning the last 80-100 years, man has become more and more selfish and less selfless. Man's attention has been on personal gain and success in life. Slowly, but surely, the modern/postmodern man, especially in the United States of America, has rid himself of the notion of the existence of God and thereby His sovereignty over his life. So the natural progression is less righteous living and more unrighteous lifestyles. Wickedness is pervasive in the last bastion of liberty and justice. What will the USA's effect be on the rest of the world? Or is the better question, will the rest of the world continue to have a more adverse effect on the USA in the near future?

What a time for the Christian to shine, in the USA and worldwide! What a time for the Christian to be the salt and light that we have been called, charged, and commissioned to be! The late Adrian Rogers said of this time in history, just before he died at age 74 mind you, that this was an exciting time in which to be living. It is true. The light always shines brightest in the darkest hour. As a matter of fact, darkness only exists in the absence of light, so too does unrighteousness exist only in the absence or decline of righteousness.

No need for the believer to dwell on the negative. No need to fear or dread future events in this country and around the world. In Christ, it is time for the Christian to face the fear and embrace the dread. Do you have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? Are you growing daily in your fellowship with Him? Is there evidence in your life that you are conforming to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ? In Christ, you are blameless and upright.