



JEHOVAH HATH TAKEN AWAY

Written by Clifton Angel

In great despair, Job exclaimed, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah" (Job 1:21). The question is begged: Did God really "take" from Job? When my dad died September 2013 near the age of 52, different people said things like, "God needed another angel," or "God must have needed him more than we do." Respectfully: No. God didn't do it.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
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God did not take Job's well-being, children, or his health. God did not take my father. So very often our loving God gets blamed for things caused by Satan. The devil is the primary blame for all death, decay, and suffering (Genesis 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14). "He was a murderer from the beginning," Jesus said (John 8:44), and he has not stopped to this day. "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:14). Considering our desires, the devil methodically (Ephesians 6:11) and relentlessly (1 Peter 5:8) entices us (James 1:14). Friends, can we stop blaming God for the damage the devil has caused?

James knew the temptation we can have to blame God for our problems. Therefore, he wrote, "Do not err, my beloved brethren" (James 1:16). This exhortation is preceded by these words: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:13-15). If you are going through troublesome times in your life (James 1:2ff), make no mistake about it (James 1:16), God did not cause them.

Instead, God provides our way out (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13). James gives at least six tremendous characteristics of our God to encourage those who might be tempted to blame Him or doubt Him.

1. He gives liberally (James 1:5).
2. He does not take away (James 1:5).
3. He is not tempted with evil (James 1:13).
4. He does not tempt us with evil (James 1:13).
5. Anything that is truly good comes from Him (James 1:17).
6. He is unchanging and unwavering (James 1:17).

When Job exclaimed "Jehovah hath taken away," he was in deep sorrow and grief (Job 1:21). Furthermore, it had not been revealed to him that it was Satan who caused his suffering. However, in his thinking that God had taken away his well-being, children, and health, he still proclaimed, "Blessed be the name of Jehovah" (Job 1:21). We would all do well to adopt the mindset of Job. Even if God did cause our pain, we will still praise Him!

Upcoming Area Events

Highway 77 Gospel Meeting , Bruce Hatcher	Sep 26 - 29
Nesbit Gospel Meeting , Tom Wacaster	Oct 3 - 6
Coldwater Gospel Meeting , Tim Hayes	Oct 10 - 13
World Evangelism Seminar , Multiple Speakers	Oct 15 - 16

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Ginger Bayless, recovering from knee surgery; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX. **Grace & Sammy Williams**; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Hannah Davis**.

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Family & Friends

Ann Frasier Kelley family, Terry S. & Ginna's step-mother, passed Wednesday, funeral arrangements pending; **Chrystal Mottley**, Dixon's daughter, had surgery Thursday; **Sue Bostwick**, Jamie's sister, several grandchildren with covid; **Cassandra Wright**, Janice's sister, neuromuscular disorder affecting her speech; **Randy Williams**, Faye's cousin's husband, successful heart surgery; **Tommy Neal**, Clifton's neighbor, recent bypass surgery; **Fred Vanucci family**, Andy's co-worker's husband recently passed; **Jennifer O'Neal**, breast cancer.

Birthdays

9/2 Faye Edwards
9/5 Kevin Dixon
9/5 Jake Sutton
9/11 Molly Ratliff
9/22 Ashley Strickland
9/26 Bren Burdsal

Get Involved!

Coldwater Singing Night: Sep 29, 7 PM
Taking song requests from congregation

Youth Devo @ Building: Oct 1, 6 PM

Door Knocking Day: October 2

Trade Days Booth: October 9

Coldwater Fish Fry: October 9

Coldwater Gospel Meeting: Oct 10 – 13

Youth Devo @ Ratliff's: Oct 16, 6:30 PM

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Billy Bland
Assist	Walter Warren
	Daniel Warren
	John Wofford
Closing Prayer	

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Wednesday, September 29

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	John Wofford

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	