Job (Quality very good)

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[0:00] As the Lord shall be pleased to help me, I shall call your attention to a subject you will find in the book of Job, chapter 28, and the eleventh verse.

He bindeth the floods from overflowing, and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

Chapter 28, the book of Job, and the eleventh verse.

This is a word which you do not need to be told, dropped from the lips of Job, long ago.

And the word itself is in a sublime setting, for in the chapter where the subject is found, Job has been speaking about the realm of nature.

But there is a deep that coucheth beneath. I will not take up time in approaching the subject to go into how Job looks upon the realm of nature, but it is evident that he was well instructed therein, and he would be in sweet agreement with our hymn writer, nature with open volume stands to spread her maker's praise abroad, and every labour of his hands shows something worthy of a god.

And then, in his description, he comes to this word I have read for the text, He bindeth the floods from overflowing, and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

I do wonder, if deep down in his breast, dear Job, found this word to be a word from which he could suck some sweetness in his soul's experience, because Job was experiencing the floods which had been let loose in his life.

The book of Job, as you all know, is the oldest book in the Holy Bible, Book Divine. And in the opening chapters, it tells us about Job as to who he was, and that in his day he was the richest man in the East.

And it is wonderful to contemplate how well taught of God Job was, how instructed in things divine, when there was not one page of the Holy Bible for him to read.

[3:19] Job had to deal with God, with whom he had to do, and do all his business regarding his soul's eternal welfare, in heaven's own marketplace, and gain by trading there.

And then there was that memorable day, when he awoke in the morning, as I said, the richest man in the East, and at the end of it, the floods had broken out, and Job was well-nigh overwhelmed.

One event after another had happened during the day, and at the end of it, the floods had been raging, but they did not overflow, although they threatened to do so.

And one thing that was hidden, of a truth was brought to light. The religion that God had wrought, in Job's breast, and he gives the evidence of it.

The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. The Puritans, in their writings, which often set forth the deep things of God, say much about being able to bless a taking God.

[4:51] And you might think over that, dear friends. You can understand, people thought of God blessing a giving God, but to realise, God is good when he gives, supremely good, nor less when he denies, and that when he takes, he has a right to do it.

It is the Lord, enthroned in light, whose claims are all divine, who has an undisputed right, to govern me, and mine.

Oh, you need much grace, to reduce that line of things, to practice, in your lips and life. And as I view, the dealings of God with Job, Job was enabled, to do it.

And he said, what, shall we not receive good, at the hand of the Lord? shall we not receive evil? The word evil, meaning trouble.

And he gets right down, to a wondrous bedrock experience, as he views the dealings of God, although they were, so hard to be understood, though he slay me, yet I will trust in him.

[6:20] Lord, increase our faith, to do likewise, and now, I want to look at this subject, not saying much more, it may be, about Job, and the dealings of God, with Job.

I want to look at it, from two viewpoints. This is a great truth, that Job, proclaimed, and, and, there is something, that, needs to be, pondered in our hearts, as you read, moreover, Job, continued, his, parable, and said, and then he goes on, until he reaches, this word, from which I hope, grace will be given, to say something, helpful to you, you remember, the word of God, tells us, concerning Jesus Christ, and his disciples, and without a parable, spake he not unto them, and the multitude, heard the parable, but when he was alone, then he expounded, all things, to his, disciples, and now, this word before us then, while it tells us, at first reading, something to do, with the realm of nature, as I said, there is a deep, that coucheth beneath, and it is a parable, and in the exposition, of it, there is that, which is, profitable, helpful, for people, taught of God, to lay, to heart, he bindeth, the floods, from, overflowing,

I will look at, some of the floods, first of all, and, when a sinner, is wrought upon, by the spirit of God, as he is wrought upon, it may not always be, by terrible things, in righteousness, I want you ever, to keep that in mind, God, is a sovereign, in how he leads, his dear people, into the truth, which is essential, for their soul's, eternal welfare, some he is pleased, to teach, by terrible things, in righteousness, they, have something, in their soul's, experience, as the outcome of it, that is very definite, and, clear cut, but, as I understand it, the great majority, of people, taught of God, are taught, as you read in Isaiah, here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon, precept, but be sure of this, and they shall be, all taught of God, and if they are, they will find the floods, raging, within, and from, without, and they will need,

God, in his infinite, condescension, to bind the floods, from, overflowing, lest they sink therein, to rise, no more, that is a good word, to contemplate, he bindeth the floods, from, overflowing, it is a great mercy, that God is pleased, to do it, and now, the first flood, is that which arises, when a sinner, being born again, begins to, enter into, a knowledge, of what he is, by nature, I have said to you, many times, in my long ministry, about the importance, and the necessity, yea, I have counseled you, to ask God, to give you, a gracious conviction, of sin,

I thought on that, lately, in the counsel, I have given you, and if you should, be in earnest, and heed it, if you should say, deep down in your heart, convince us, of our sin, then you must, expect, that you will find, floods, raging, within you, Solomon, refers to, a character, which should know, every man, the plague, of his own heart, and now, when the Adam fall, took place, I need take up, no time, in describing it, for you are all familiar, with the details, of it, when sin, entered into the world, and death, by sin, death, passed upon, all men, for that, all have sinned, and when the Adam fall, took place, then there was, a flood let loose, sin began, to rage, like, a flood, and it has been, increasing, ever since, down through the ages, the ruin, wrought in the Adam fall, has been made, more and more, evident, until you see, the world, in these, perilous times, is just, flooded, with wickedness, beyond words, to describe, and as you, look on it, you are made aware, if you were taught, of God, that what you see, of the wickedness, in the world, without, is, wrought in you, as you were born, what you are by nature, produces it, and it is only, by the grace of God, that what you are by nature, is kept, from overflowing, and doing great mischief, to you, and it may be, to other folks, with whom you have to do,

I want you to think, these things over, my friends, sins, he bindeth the floods, from [13:13] overflowing, when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he shall convince, the world, of sin, there is a distinction, to be made, between the word, convict, and the word, convince, I would have you think, on that, a man, might be, brought, up in the court, before the magistrate, and, be convicted, charged, of doing this, or that, but, if that man, was not guilty, of what, he was charged, with doing, you could not, convince, that man, of his guiltiness, but, if the charge, is made, and declared, and proved, and then, at length, the prisoner, pleads, guilty, he is convinced, convinced, there is a distinction, between, conviction, and being, convinced, of sin, there are many people, who have a conviction, of sin, that is just, the outcome, of emotion, working, in a natural, conscience, and, when they, gather together, some religion, the doings, of the great eye, and become, chapel gores, church gores, as the case may be, then, their conviction, of sin, dies a natural death, and they, just become, religious, and what they, possess, is religiosity, it is not, religion, that would do, to live by, and die by, eh, but if, the spirit, of truth, convinces you, of sin, you were brought, down before God, with whom you, have to do, and there, you have to tell, all the truth, you have to acknowledge, your guiltiness, before God, in thought, word, and deed, and declare, not the labor, of my hands, can fulfill, the laws, demands, and you find, arising from, what you are, by nature, as you were born, the flood, rages, and you say, if my soul, is sent to hell, thy righteous law, approves it, well, and you feel, then, that is what, you deserve, if thou,

Lord, shouldest mark, iniquity, O Lord, who shall stand, grant, but there is, this, good word, to encourage, such an one, he bindeth, the floods, from, overflowing, and to that sinner, so wrought upon, brought in, guilty, before God, to put his mouth, in the dust, of self-abasement, if so be, there may be hope, there will be, a thing brought, forth to light, that is revealed, in the gospel, Christ is the end, of the law, for righteousness, to every one, which, believeth, yes, and there you will see, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanseth us, from, all sin, and you will know, he bindeth the floods, from, overflowing, yes, and you will learn, the terrors of law, and of God, with me, can have nothing to do, my saviour's obedience, and blood, hide all my transgressions, from view, and go back, to what I said, about being led, into the truth, by terrible things, in righteousness, you see it illustrated, in the word of God,

I think about, that poor lad, who is said, in the word of God, to be lunatic, and it says, while he was yet a coming, coming to Jesus, the devil threw him down, and tear him, and I believe, many people, taught of God, know what that line of things, is, as they, are wrought upon, by the spirit of God, and convinced of sin, and their great concern, is, to get in touch, with Jesus Christ, and to, realize, his precious blood, and his wondrous, efficacy, but, while they are, yet, a coming, as the word of God says, the devil throws them down, and tears them, but then you must not forget, that lad, lunatic as he was, did, ultimately, get in touch, with Jesus, and he, learned this, great truth, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, and he was found, clothed at Jesus' feet, in a right mind, ultimately, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing,

I can only give you hints, about these floods, to ponder, in your heart, and now, think of the floods, to arise, and from what you are, by nature, as you journey, through life, crowds of ill thoughts, there bind the fuse, proud, envious, false, unclean, every ransacked corner, shows, an unsuspected sin, see how Job, had to learn, deeper down, than he had ever, learned before, a little, more, of what he was, by nature, Job, was a man, wonderfully, well taught, of God, and God, speaks in such, wondrous, commendation, of Job, my servant Job, a perfect man, one who is sincere, before me, with whom he has, to do, one that feareth God, and desteweth evil, but, as the floods, began to rage, and as Job's friends, friends as they were, misjudged, misunderstood, and wounded, dear Job, then, what he was, by nature, was made more, apparent, known, but there came, a time, when, the Lord, began to deal, with Job, and the Lord, spake unto Job, out of the whirlwind, and when Job, heard what God, had to say, oh he went, down before God, with whom he had, to do, and declared, behold,

I am vile, I have heard of thee, by the hearing, of the ear, but now mine eye, seeth thee, wherefore, I abhor myself, I repent, in dust, and ashes, and now, that was the thing, brought to light, in Job's experience, that he did not realize, so deep down, before, from the sole of the foot, even to the head, there is no soundness, in it, but wounds, and bruises, putrefying, sores, when like, the restless ocean, our hearts, cast up, on cleanness, flood, after flood, of mire, and mud, and all, is, foul, within us, very solemn, setting forth, what is, bottled up, within us, arising, from what one is, by nature, you do need, this to be done, all day long, he bindeth, the floods, from, over, flowing, hold thou me up, and I shall be, safe, ever on thy, captain calling, make thy, worst condition, known, he shall hold thee up, when falling, or shall lift thee up, when down, he bindeth, the floods, from overflowing, and then, there is a flood, sometimes, when Satan, seems to be, let loose, and you are, in heaviness, through manifold, temptations, then,

Satan, injects, a flood, of ifs, and buts, and hows, as the hymn writer, puts it, and they are hurled, to sink us, in the gloom, of all that's dismal, in this world, or in the world, to come, or it may be, Satan, lets loose the flood, on you, where, it is calculated, if he can do, what he designs, to overflow you, and undo you, altogether, he may, approach you, with what is your, besetment, what just fits in, with your, natural temperament, according to what you are, by nature, and some temptation, is placed, before your eyes, and you find, something in you, ready to close in, with it, and the flood, begins to rage, then, then you do need, this word, to be fulfilled, he bindeth, the floods, from, overflowing, and you might, remember, how God, had sure work, about the floods, being bound, concerning dear Job, and he said, to Satan, you can put,

Job's religion, to the test, whatever test, you like, he is in thy hand, spare his life, remember that, Job was shut up, in that word, your life, is hid, with Christ, in God, and Satan, was not allowed, to, touch that, he bindeth, the floods, floods, of temptations, from, overflowing, another flood, may be, affliction, and that, may come on you, suddenly, you do not, know any day, what affliction, may come on you, or yours, it would be, well, if you and I, could be more, on our watchtower, in regard to, everyday life, but there is, that about us, and that arises, from what we are, by nature, whereby, you go on, from day to day, and every day, seems to be, just a replica, of the day before, you find, goodness and mercy, following you, all the days, of your life, and there is, a tendency, to take it, for granted, and then, you may settle down, and be somewhat, at ease, in your profession, of Jesus name, and then, there dawns a day, in your life, and you find, trouble, like a gloomy cloud, gathers thick, and thunders loud, you find, a flood, breaking out, among, you, or yours, it may come on you, or those in your family circle, a flood, which brings affliction, in its way, and when it comes, it, alters the outlook, in life, from that time on, and you have got to, rearrange, your circumstances, as it were, to meet, the new situation, which has suddenly arisen, in your life, and then, you see, this truth, is fulfilled, you see, he, who is sovereign, ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise, making arrangements, for you, and thus, you learn, our God, is in the heavens, he hath done, whatsoever, he hath pleased, and whatever affliction, it is, which comes upon you, are yours, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth to life, and in afflictions, when they are sanctified, what is brought to life, then, is this, the needs be of it, whom the Lord, loveth he correcteth, and scourgeth every son, whom he receiveth, it is good for me, that I have been afflicted, that I might learn, thy statutes, yes, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and if you look back, some of you, along life's way, as grace is given, you will find afflictions, that have come on you, are yours, have been in your soul's experience, just like the children of Israel, when they came to Mara, and found the waters thereof, were bitter to drink, but then, at the waters of Mara,

Moses, cut down, a tree, which when it was cast, into the waters, the waters were made sweet, and you can think of afflictions, where through the cross, being made in your soul's experience, a blessed reality, you could feel, though our cup seems filled with gall, that something secret, sweetens all, yes, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and the thing that is it, bringeth he forth, to light, and then there is another flood, and that is, the persecutions, which may, come upon, the godly, the word of God says, everyone that will live godly, shall suffer, persecution, and now, if you read, it would do you good, if you can get the history of it, to do it, if you read the history, of the church of Christ, down through the ages, you will find, the brightest chapters, have been, when persecution, has raged like a flood, threatening to overflow, the church of Christ, and blot it out, and then, it has been so evident, how God, has appeared, on behalf of his people, and enabled them, to endure hardness, as good soldiers, of Jesus Christ, yes, and he has fulfilled, the word of his grace, upon this rock,

I will build my church, and the gates of hell, shall not prevail, against it, and though Satan, has gained so much ground, at times, that the martyrs, had to go to the state, or lay their heads, on the block, they loved not their lives, unto the death, but they obtained grace, to help, in that time, of need, yes, the thing that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, and what is brought, forth to light, then, is that the religion, that God, creates in his people's hearts, is supernatural, yes, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and then, it is well to remember, that he is pleased, to do this, when you look round, the world, as it is, the world, lieth in wickedness, as never before, but, there are floods, of error, and evil, raging, worldwide, and sometimes, they seem to rage, with such fury, and they seem to make, such progress, and the outcome, is so much mischief, wrought, in the church, of Christ, by error, flooding therein, it is a wonderful mercy, to contemplate, such a truth, as this, from that viewpoint, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, remember, what I quoted, and they shall be, all taught of God, so that no error, although sometimes, people taught of God, may, be wrought on by it, and influenced, for a while, yet, the ultimate issue, the Lord, will deal with them, and deliver them, from any error, in which they have become, involved, and bring them back, to bedrock truth, remember that, so you look, at the man of sin, in the Vatican, and all the while, through the ages, there has been, floods let loose, from that center, and much mischief, has been wrought, in the earth, on account of it, and there is the man of sin, who is in the Kremlin, and his great aim, is that the world, shall be overflowed, with communism, and that, which is against God, and godliness, and the floods, rage, whether it be, from the Vatican, or the Kremlin, the floods, keep raging, and those, who, support, those, evil systems, emanating, from hell itself, are ready, to work, over time, that the floods, may rage, and overflow, hey, our mercy, is the Lord reigneth, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, and that will mean, and the Lord, added unto the church, daily, such as should be, saved, it will not make, one eye, alter of difference, to what God, purposes to do, regarding his, dear people, in, making them, to know, his salvation, and that they, shall be saved, by grace,

and fitted, and made, meet for the, inheritance, of the saints, in light, I say, it will not make, one eye, out of difference, to what God, purposes to do, although, the man of sin, in the Vatican, shall still rage, and the man, in the Kremlin, likewise, do so, and why, the word of God, tells us, concerning Jesus Christ, the church's living head, he shall see, of the travail, of his soul, and shall be, satisfied, yes, it is a great, mercy, to contemplate, that he bindeth, the floods, of error, and evil, from overflowing, but I want, to make this, very plain, or it does not, mean you are, to just, receive this truth, as I have stated it, and view, what is happening, in the world, at large, with a fatalistic eye, no, no, what are you to do, you should earnestly, contend for the faith, once delivered, to the saints, yes, as every opportunity, is afforded you, let your lives, and acts, express, the holy gospel, you profess, ye are my witnesses, he bindeth, the floods, from overflowing, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to life, if you should, be helped, to look, round the world, a little, as it is, at the present time, you will see, there is, some evidence, that God is being pleased, to do this, in as much, as what, godless men, have set out to do, they have not yet, been allowed to do it, and they will not, be allowed to do it, in the book of Revelation, there is a striking word, about, floods, and, it might, help you, to think on it, there is some figurative, language, which is used, in the Revelation, about the church of Christ, which is set forth, as the woman, which brought forth, the man child, and then, it goes on, and the serpent, cast out of his mouth, water, as a flood, after the woman, that he might, cause her, to be carried away, of the flood, and the earth, helped the woman, and the earth, opened her mouth, and swallowed up, the flood, which the dragon, cast out of his mouth, and the dragon, was wroth, with the woman, and went to make war, with the remnant, of her seed, which keep, the commandments, of God, and have the testimony, of Jesus Christ, the thing, to ponder, is, the earth, helped the woman, and the earth, opened her mouth, and swallowed up, the flood, you see things, happening in the world, that perplex us, and some things, which, may cause us, alarm, as we survey, the things, which are happening, in the earth, but,

God, is overruling, these things, if I can turn aside, a moment, to illustrate, this point, look at the world, at the present time, with Russia, and Khrushchev, at the head of it, as far as you can judge, preparing, for nuclear war, that they might, flood the earth, and overflow it, with their hellish doctrine, and if they alone, were armed, like that, there is no doubt, whatever, unless God, determined otherwise, that Khrushchev, long ago, would have set Russia, going, to conquer the earth, but you look, the other side, of the world, and you see, the USA, are just as well armed, for nuclear warfare, as Russia is, and therefore.

Russia, is afraid, to open, the conflict, because there will be, retaliation, and mischief, wrought, in Russia, which they do not want, to be brought to pass, and now, to help you, dear young people, that is just, a simple illustration, of that word, and the earth, helped the woman, and opened, her mouth, and swallowed up, the flood, so that, with this, apparent, clashing, of interest, God, is, taking the wise, in their own craftiness, and he says, the wrath of man, shall praise thee, the remainder, of wrath, he shall restrain, in other words, he bindeth the floods, from overflowing, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, I cannot, much about, these things, as I must soon, come to the amen, one thing, that is brought forth, to light, in the dealings, of God, with his dear people, as these floods, rage, one thing, outstanding, is the sovereignty, of God, a very great truth, a wonderful truth, but you need, much grace, sometimes, to humble yourself, under the hand, of God, when, he makes it plain, in his dealings, with you, to be able, to feel, it is the Lord, let him do, what seemeth him, good, and the sovereignty, of God, is brought to light, in as much, as he makes plain,

I will be gracious, to whom, I will be gracious, I will have mercy, upon whom, I will have, mercy, yes, another thing, that is brought, to light, is our utter, helplessness, in things divine, our deep, poverty, our utter, ruin, through the Adam fall, and its influence, and its influence, upon us, as we were born, and another thing, that he bringeth forth, to light, is very terrible, to contemplate, the carnal mind, is enmity, against God, and is not subject, to the law, of God, and neither, indeed, can be, and this, thing, he bringeth forth, to light, by grace, are ye saved, through faith, and that not, of yourselves, it is the gift, of God, not of works, lest any man, should boast, salvation, is of the Lord, in every jot, and tittle of it, and you say, when the floods, are being bound, and the things, of God, are brought to light, if ever, my poor soul, is saved, this Christ, must be the way, not only so, another thing, brought to light, is this, if my people, transgress,

I will visit, their transgressions, with the rod, and their iniquities, with stripes, you see, the needs be, of the rod, you realize, it is essential, for you, being the sinner, that you are, and you are ready, to say, deal gently, with thy servant, Lord, and if the rod, should needful be, thy seasonable aid, afford, my soul, in trouble, flies, to thee, the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, and, this is the thing, he will bring, forth to light, it is of the Lord's, mercies, that we are not, consumed, and because, his compassions, fail not, thou hast not dealt, with us, after our sins, neither hast thou, rewarded us, according, to our, iniquities,

I am the Lord, I change not, therefore, ye sons of Jacob, are not, consumed, and one more thing, is brought forth, to light, as you get older, you do not, see this thing, in heaven's own light, as a rule, in the early dealings, of God with you, but as you journey, on through life, going into its, even in time, when you have learned, the meaning, of that scripture, turn again, son of man, and thou shalt see, greater iniquities, than these, you find, this thing, is brought forth, to light, and that is, grace, is an emptying, principle, what I mean, is this, in the early, dealings of God, with you, in life's mourning, you entertain, thoughts, and they seem, guite legitimate, thoughts, to entertain, that as you, journey on, through life, you will heap up together, evidence upon evidence, tokens for good, helps by the way, answers to prayer, and the blessing of God, being upon you, here and there, and you will gather, all these things together, in your soul's experience, and treasure them up, and thus, you will, rejoice to feel, the good work, is indeed begun, and being carried on, and there is, that viewpoint, of the dealings, of God, but what you learn, is this, as you get older, in the life divine, that, you have to, look within, and instead, of seeing, all these things, which are seeable, when at times, you do remember, the way, the Lord thy God, has led thee, instead of seeing, all these things, that you, thought you would, treasure up, and always keep your eyes, feasting upon them, as the possession,

God had, granted you, to evidence you, a pilgrim, to Canaan bound, what do you see, if I turn, my eyes within, all is dark, and vain, and wild, full of unbelief, and sin, can I deem myself, a child, and now you, have a thing, brought to life, you have sung it, but you have got, to reduce it, to practice, nothing in my hand, I bring, not even, my past experience, that God has wrought, and which is a reality, and is the evidence, he has begun, the good work, in me, but when you look, within, and say with the church, we cannot see, our signs, then you are brought, to where I told you, dear Job was, though he slay me, yet I will trust, in him, and when you look, within, and you seem, just empty, you understand, the meaning, of some scriptures, then, because they are, brought forth, to life, leave not, my soul, destitute, take not, thy Holy Spirit, from me, cast me not, away, from thy presence, and you come, at length, to this,

Lord save, or I perish, and thus, you get, right down, to bedrock, truth, and realize, like Jonah did, out of the belly, of hell itself, salvation, is, of, the Lord, and then, realizing, that experience, there will be, one more thing, brought forth, to life, to encourage you, still to hope, in God, he will regard, the prayer, of the destitute, and not, despise, their prayer, and now, out of the abundance, of the heart, the mouth, can speak, nothing, in my hand, I bring, simply, to, thy cross, I clean, there you learn, the truth, and there, you can say, amen, to what you will, believe long, as a doctrine, salvation, is, of, the Lord, he bindeth, the floods, from overflowing, and the thing, that is hid, bringeth he forth, to light, and you learn this, as you journey on, into life, even in time, his oath, his promise, and his blood, support me, in the well-ming flood, when all around, my soul, gives way, he, he, there is all, my health, my stay, the Lord, help you, to think on these things, amen, amen, hymn, number 249, tune, redeeming love, number, 710, oh, love divine, how sweet, though, when shall I find, my willing heart, all taken up by thee,

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For this I die This holy portion Lord divine Divine is death of all May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ And the love of God the Father The communion of the Holy Spirit Be upon us and all who love the truth Everywhere Amen And Amen