

## **The Book of Job**

### **(5) Getting Past The Performance Trap!**

**JOB 42:12a...**

The Lord **blessed** the **latter part** of Job's life **more than the former part**.

**JOB 1:1...**

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job.  
This man was **blameless** and **upright**; he **feared God** and **shunned evil**.

**JOB 4:6-7...**

Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope? "Consider now:  
Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed?

**JOB 5:6-7...**

For hardship does not spring from the soil, nor does trouble sprout from the ground.  
Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.

**JOB 8:4-5...**

When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin.  
But if you will seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty,

**RELIGION** says... **GOD LOVES YOU... IF...?**

**CHRISTIANITY** says... **GOD LOVES YOU... PERIOD.**

#### **1. DO I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS LOVES ME?**

**GOD LOVES YOU!!**

And it's not based on your **PERFORMANCE**... it's solely based on your **POSITION!!!**

**TITUS 3:3-4...**

At one time we too were **foolish, disobedient, deceived** and **enslaved** by all kinds of **passions** and **pleasures**. We lived in **malice** and **envy**, being **hated** and **hating one another**. 4 **But when the kindness and LOVE of God our Savior appeared,**

#### **2. DO I FEEL LIKE I'M DISAPPOINTING JESUS?**

**MATTHEW 26:31-34...**

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." 33 Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." 34 "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."