

OL Summary:

I. Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity: **A.** Being perfect is related to the inner man, and being upright is related to the outer man. **B.** Job was a man of integrity; integrity is the totality of being perfect and upright: In character Job was perfect and upright, and in his ethics he had a high standard of integrity. **C.** Job feared God positively and turned away from evil negatively: God did not create man merely to fear Him and not do anything wrong; rather, God created man in His own image and according to His likeness that man may express God. /What Job had attained in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity was altogether vanity. **D.** Only God knew that Job had a need—he did not have God within him; therefore, God wanted Job to gain Him in order to express Him for the fulfillment of His purpose.

II. God's intention was that Job would become a God-man, expressing God in His attributes: **A.** God ushered Job into another realm, the realm of God, so that Job might gain God instead of his attainments in his perfection, righteousness, and integrity. **B.** God's intention was to make Job a man of God, filled with Christ, the embodiment of God, to be the fullness of God for the expression of God in Christ. **C.** God's stripping and consuming were exercised over Job to tear him down that God might have a base and a way to rebuild him with God Himself so that he might become a God-man, the same as God in His life and nature but not in His Godhead, in order to express God. **D.** God does not want us, the believers in Christ, to be a good man; He wants us to be a God-man: God created us in His own image for the purpose of expressing God and with His dominion to represent Him. /If we are merely a good man, we cannot express God or represent Him. /It is not a good man but a God-man who expresses God and represents God. **E.**

III. The incarnation of Christ, the embodiment and expression of the Triune God, produced a God-man: **A.** The Gospel of Luke is a revelation of the God-man who lived a human life filled with the divine life as the content. **B.** In Christ, God and man have become one entity, the God-man: Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the divine essence and born of the human essence, He was born a God-man; hence, for His being as the God-man, He had two essences—the divine essence and the human essence. /The conception of the Holy Spirit in a human virgin constituted a mingling of the divine nature with the human nature, producing the God-man, the One who is both the complete God and the perfect man. **C.** As the God-man, the Lord Jesus lived on earth not by His human life but by the divine life: The Lord Jesus lived God and expressed God in everything; whatever He did was God's doing from within Him and through Him. /The Lord Jesus

lived as a God-man by the life of God, not by the life of man. /All His days on the earth, He denied Himself and took up the cross so that He might live God to express God in His divine attributes becoming human virtues; this was the life of the first God-man as a prototype. **E.**

IV. Initially, the Bible speaks of the God-man; through His resurrection this God-man was reproduced as the many God-men: **A.** The Lord Jesus, the first God-man, is the prototype for the producing of the many God-man, His reproduction. **B.** God became man to have a mass reproduction of Himself and thereby to produce a new kind; this new kind is God-man kind. **C.** The Lord Jesus, the God-man, was a grain of wheat falling into the ground in order to produce many grains as His reproduction: The first grain—the first God-man—was the prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—produced by this one grain through death and resurrection are the reproduction of the first God-man. **D.** The first step of the reproduction of the God-man is that we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit with His divine life and nature. **E.** For the reproduction of the God-man, we need to be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul with His divine attributes to uplift, strengthen, enrich, and fill our human virtues for His expression in our humanity. **F.** We need to see that we are God-men, born of God, possessing the life and nature of God, and belonging to the species of God: As children of God, born of God with the divine life, we are God-men, divine persons; we are the same as the One of whom we are born. /Since we have been born of God, we may say that we are God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. /To think of ourselves as God-men and to know and realize who we are revolutionizes us in our daily experience.

V. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He might be reproduced in us and live again in us, the God-men: **A.** As the reproduction of the God-man, we need to live the life of a God-man. **B.** Christ's human living was man living God to express the attributes of God in the human virtues; His human virtues were filled, mingled, and saturated with the divine attributes. **C.** As the expansion, increase, reproduction, and continuation of the first God-man, we should live the same kind of life that He lived: We must reject self-cultivation and condemn the building up of the natural man; we need to realize that the Christian virtues are related essentially to the divine life, to the divine nature, and to God Himself. /The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we should not allow anything other than this One to fill us and occupy us. **D.** The Christ in Philippians 1:21a is the God-man in Philippians 2:5-8; therefore, to live Christ is to live the God-man by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. **E.** When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity.

CP1: The most positive thing is to express God. By eating from the tree of life, having God-man living and express God.

OL1: Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity. Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... Job 2:3 ...Have you considered My servant Job?...He still holds fast his integrity... God did not create man to fear Him without doing anything wrong. The Bible tells us that God created man in His own image and after His likeness that man may express Him. This is the most positive thing among all positive things....The most positive thing is to express God. To express God is higher than fearing God and turning away from evil.

In 27:5 Job says to his friends, “Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.” Finally, in 31:6 Job declares, “Let God know my integrity.”... Integrity is the totality of being perfect and being upright; it is the totality of perfection plus uprightness. With respect to Job, integrity is the total expression of what he is. In character he is perfect and upright, and in his ethics he has a high standard of integrity. It was not easy for God to gain a person like Job who feared God and turned away from evil. Yet what Job had attained was altogether vanity. It did not fulfill God’s purpose, and it did not satisfy God’s desire. Thus, God was lovingly concerned for Job.

OL2: God’s intention was that Job would become a God-man, expressing God in His attributes. 1 Tim. 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness. 2 Tim. 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. The God-men not only have two lives, but they also have two natures, humanity and divinity.... Religion always cultivates man’s natural capacity in order to build up the self. Education does the same thing; it merely builds up the human being.... The Bible does not build up the natural man; rather, it builds up a God-man. My burden in the Lord’s ministry is not to build you up to be a nice man, a good man, or a gentle man, but to be a God-man. I have given thousands of messages on how to be a Christman, a God-man. In the Lord’s recovery our teaching is not to raise up good men... but to raise up God-men. Do not try in yourself to love others. The more you try to love others, the more you will eventually hate others. If you try to be humble, you will be proud. You may even have the inward attitude—“Don’t you know that I am so humble?” This is pride.

Application: Newly saved, Youth and College Students

There are some issues of striving to do good and be a good man apart from Christ. (1) It is outside the economy of God because it does not have God as its content, does not express God, and cannot represent God; (2) establishing good without God is to take the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as its source; and (3) establishing good within the realm of the knowledge of good and evil is to exalt it and become proud.

2000 years before Christ came, in the time of the Old Testament, there was the Law. The function of the law was to protect the sheep in the fold before the coming of Christ. The

sheep were to be protected in the fold during the night. When the sun rose, the shepherd would lead the sheep out of the fold and into the green pastures. Hallelujah, Christ has come as the true Sun. The night is over and it is now day time. Christ is the Sun, the Shepherd, and the Pasture.

For you, it would mean the following: “Until you believed in Christ and were baptized, you were regulated by your parents, family, school and so forth, taught to study diligently every day, to keep away from evil and love others, and that was what you did, hence you were protected accordingly. Now that your spirit has been regenerated and Christ is living inside you, together with the Lord, in the Lord, and for His testimony, you can carry out what you have learned before you were saved. You then can enjoy Christ as the green pasture, study or work diligently, and love your friends. In this way, you can experience Christ and express Him.” For example, you were told to study for your future, and you did. But now that you are a child of God, a brother in Christ, you study for the sake of the gospel, for the testimony of the Lord. In the past, it was almost unquestioned what the motivation for studying was, whether it be jealousy or ambition. But now, the motive out of a pure heart is tested. If you study for the sake of the Lord’s testimony, for the sake of the gospel, you will experience the Lord as wisdom, understanding, perseverance, breakthrough, and so forth. You will express the Lord in your studies and thank the Lord regardless of what the results might be.

God’s intention for you is not that you become a good man, but that you become a God-man. Such a man is one who exercises the spirit to pray. And he is one who loves those around him with the love of God for the sake of the gospel and supplies them with Christ. Experience in your relations to others as the power to reconcile, love, unite, and forgive people against Satan’s dividing work in people.

Brother’s testimony: When I changed my job to a new company, there was a serious problem of discord among the company’s executives. As I later found out, their problems were caused by a certain matter 30 years ago, and they seemed to be having a hard time getting along. I remembered and thanked Brother Lee for pointing out, based on the teachings of the Bible, that “not forgiving people’s sins hinders them from increasing in numbers.” As I listened to their stories, I re-recognized the shortcomings from the very detailed nature of the Japanese people. They paid too much attention to the details and could not forgive others forever. Lord, I thank You that I am being saved from the culture in my church life. Please save me furthermore from the Japanese culture.

Prayer: Oh Lord Jesus, save me from establishing good without God and exalting it as pride. I will not walk the line of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God created man in his own image, for man to express God. This is the most positive thing. I build up God-man according to the teachings of the Bible. Exercise the spirit and pray and set my mind on the spirit. Let me love those around me with the love of God for the sake of the gospel, and make me suppliers of Christ to them. Amen!

CP2: The secret of the overcome of the New Testament believers is to express God with the humanity uplifted by the divine attributes

OL1: The incarnation of Christ, the embodiment and expression of the Triune God, produced a God-man.

Luke 1:35 And the angel...said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God. Rom. 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers.

We use attributes in relation to God and virtues in relation to man. The Lord Jesus possesses both the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues.... Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence, He possesses the divine nature with the divine attributes. Because He was born of a human virgin with the human essence, He possesses the human virtues. Therefore, while He was on earth, He lived a life that was both human and divine.

Today the Christ who lives in us is still the One who possesses the human virtues strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes. The Christ who is being dispensed into us is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues. While He was on earth, He lived a life that was a composition of these two. From the time of His resurrection He has been seeking to live in the believers the kind of life He lived on earth. This means that within us today Christ is still living a life that is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues. If we see this, we shall say with Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). OL2: As the God-man, the Lord Jesus lived on earth not by His human life but by the divine life. The Lord Jesus lived as a God-man by the life of God, not by the life of Man. All His days on the earth, He denied Himself and took up the cross so that He might live God to express God in His divine attributes becoming human virtues; this was the life of the first God-man as a prototype. John 5:19 ...The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

Intrinsically speaking, to follow Jesus is to be a xerox copy of that first God-man. To follow Jesus is to live the life of a God-man, not by the human life but by the divine life, so that God may be expressed, or manifested, in the flesh in all His divine attributes becoming the human virtues.

Application to business person/graduate students

The Lord Jesus, as a God-man, did not live by the human life on earth, but by the divine life. Since the Lord

is the pattern of the God-man living, you should learn to crucify the old man and let Christ live in you in order to live the God-man life. For example, you should not change jobs when your old man wants to, but if your new man, which is the man who expresses Christ through the humanity which is strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes, does it, then you should change jobs.

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 from our recent daily reading say: "Thus says Jehovah to you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. ...It is not for you to fight in this battle. ...Tomorrow go out to meet them, for Jehovah is with you".

Business life is a daily battle. In Old Testament times, God's presence was the secret to winning the battle. In the New Testament, the secret is not only that the Lord is with us, but also that we deny the old man and Christ lives inside the new man. The new man has human virtues that are strengthened and enriched by divine attributes such as love, light, holiness, righteousness, wisdom, and power. Man's virtues were created in the form of God's attributes. This is for the hand, the divine attribute, to enter in the glove, the human virtues. The glove is strengthened and enriched by putting the hand inside. Then the glove can express the hand and function properly. This putting the hand in the glove is the secret of winning the battle for the New Testament believers.

Also, this secret can only be obtained in the church life. Many God-men will be built up to become the one Body of Christ. And this Body is able to put on the whole armor of God. Apart from the church life, you will never be able to fight.

For example, you are in competition with your colleagues in the company. If you take it easy, you will be left behind. It's also a challenge because it requires specialized knowledge and skills, English language proficiency (and in some cases Chinese language proficiency), and management skills. But you should never think, "I can't do the service of the Church in this situation". Brother Lee said that the church life, including services, is the best entertainment and relaxation. In addition, communication skills are very important in business, but they are difficult to acquire. However, it is naturally nurtured in the fellowship of service in the church life. In the church life, your human virtues and abilities are strengthened by the Divine Attributes. Practicing the normal church life and enjoying Christ is the secret to winning the battle of your business life.

Prayer: Lord, business life is a daily battle. The secret to winning the battle is to experience Christ in the Body life. Apart from the church life, I can never fight. In the church life, I can have the humanity which is strengthened and enriched by the divine virtues. Then my virtues and ability are uplifted so that I can express Christ and function properly in my business life. This is the secret to my winning the battle.

CP3: Make the God-man living of Jesus as a pattern, become one with the Lord to express the glory of divinity and the uplifted human virtues

OL1: Initially, the Bible speaks of the God-man; through His resurrection this God-man was reproduced as the many God-men. John 12:24 Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Our second birth caused us to enter into the kingdom of God to become the species of God. The animals and plants have their particular species. We are born of God, so we are gods belonging to the species of God. We should always remember that we are God-men belonging to the species of God.

As God-men born of God and belonging to God's species, we cannot speak to our spouse in a loose way. A husband must be a God-man, living as a God-man. To be merely a good man is far away from God's good pleasure. We need to see that we are God-men, born of God and belonging to God's species. This is the beginning of the God-man living.

Some do live by God's life, but they do not live by His life continually. Perhaps in the morning they live by God's life, but later in the day they may lose their temper and live like a scorpion.... In the evening they may become even worse, living like the devil, Satan.

OL2: We must reject self-cultivation and condemn the building up of the natural man. The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we should not allow anything other than this One to fill us and occupy us. 2 Cor. 3:18 We all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Our Lord is both God and man. Of all the biographies of the world, there is none like that of the Lord Jesus recorded in the four Gospels of the New Testament. When we read these Gospels, not only do we marvel at His divinity, but even more we are moved and attracted by His human virtues. His behavior, His attitude, and the way He treated others were too wonderful; His humanity is unsurpassed. We praise Him! Such a God-man is pleased to indwell us. He passed through incarnation, death, and resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit. Now He is waiting for us to call on Him and believe into Him. Once we call on His name and receive Him as our Savior, He enters into us, and thereby we have an organic union with Him. When we open ourselves to Him, love Him, and desire to be joined with Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him every day. In this way what we live out are the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity.

Application to the serving ones

Looking at the God-man living of the Lord Jesus revealed in the four Gospels, it is amazing. For example, read the following scriptures. Luke 23:42 And he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

43 And He said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise. John 19:26 Then Jesus, seeing His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, said to His mother, Woman, behold, your son. 27 Then He said to the disciple, Behold, your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Both of these are words spoken by the Lord Jesus on the cross. On the cross, even before his death, the Lord was preaching the gospel and shepherding people. God loved the people of the world. Even when the Lord Jesus was dying in His human life in extreme pain on the cross, He denied the feeling of His human life and lived the life of the Father.

Now, as a continuation and development of the Lord, you must believe that you are a God-man. Brother Andrew Yu said that we need an intimate, personal fellowship with the Lord in order to carry out the God-man living.

Brother's Testimony: I was saved in May of my first year of college, but I didn't study much during college. There was encouragement from professors and seniors, and I was enlightened from the Holy Spirit, but I was lazy to study. By the Lord's mercy, I went on to graduate school. I was put into a graduate school, a "prison for studying," and I repented and prayed, "Lord, I have been neglecting my studies for four years. I was always lazy and making excuses. You have encouraged me many times, but I have ignored You and grieved the Holy Spirit. But I can't waste my time anymore. Lord, have mercy on me and help me to seize opportunities and study hard. Save me from the habit of being lazy. I am grateful for my two years of prison of graduate school. May I seize this opportunity." Strangely enough, I was able to experience the Lord in my graduate studies and research. It was completely different from the four years of college. At that time, I only opened myself to the Lord, loved Him, accepted His environmental arrangements, and fellowshiped with Him, but my research life changed dramatically under God's dispensing.

Brother Andrew also said during the Corona Pandemic, "This is the end of the ages. We are either the prodigal son or Joseph. We will either be a loser or an overcomer." In brother Lee's last ministry, he spoke of ① the high peak of truth, ② shepherding according to God, and ③ the God-man living. You should pursue the Collected Works of Witness Lee, practice the gospel and shepherding framework, and carry out God-man living in the intimate fellowship with the Lord.

Prayer: Lord, Your life of the God-man as described in the four Gospels is amazing. And what is even more amazing is that I was also made God's race, a God-man kind. I desire to open myself to the Lord, to love Him, and to be united with Him to become one with Him. What I live out is the divine glory and uplifted human virtues. Let me read the Collective Works of Lee and be constituted by the high peak of the truth, carry out the shepherding according to God, maintain intimate fellowship with the Lord to carry out the God-man living.