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# RISING FROM THE ASHES

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**“Then Job answered the LORD and said:  
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I have spoken once, and I will not answer;  
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**The reason that the Son of God became a man was so that He might “destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”**

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(v.2) "I know that you can do all things  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted...

(v.3) Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me which I did not know...

(v.5) I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

(v.6) therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes."

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**“And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job,  
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LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before”  
“The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more  
than his beginning.” (Job 42:10 & 12)**

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**“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I  
keep your word... It is good for me that I was  
afflicted, that I might learn your statutes”**

**(Psalm 119:67 & 71)**

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“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

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Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” (1 Peter 4:12-19)