

A Night Season!

A trial of hardship brings emotional and physical pain. Such a time is a night season. It is a dark time of spiritual conflict. We are not alone in our night season. It is a time in which God is moving us from a dependence on ourselves to a reliance on him. Job, the man in the biblical book with his name, experienced a night season. Thieves stole his oxen and camels and killed his servants. Lightning killed his sheep. A tornado struck the house where his seven sons and three daughters were eating and drinking, killing all of them (Job 1:13-19, NKJV). Then terror haunted him. His honor deteriorated, and his prosperity became like a cloud without rain in a drought. His mind was out of control, bathed in confusion. His body experienced a piercing pain in his bones. He felt no health in himself (Job 30:15-17). God allowed Satan to bring Job's night season upon him while protecting his life. It was a time when God showed Job that he needed to depend on the Godhead. In God's eyes, Job was a blameless, upright man who worshipped him and shunned evil, but he did not know God intimately. At the end of his night season, Job declared he had heard about God, but now he saw God and repented of his foolishness. God gave Job seven sons and three daughters, replacing those he lost and more livestock than before (Job 42:10-17). Endure your night season, allowing God to do his work in you. Then he shall bless you as he works through you (Romans 5:3-4, Isaiah 40:29-31). Shalom!!

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