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Today's Word: Integrity

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Lesson 32: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Are You:

- Reading Scriptures Faithfully?
- Living a Life of Integrity?

Today's Scriptures

Job 1-2, 13, 19

Job 27, 42

Lesson 33:

"Sharing the Gospel With the World"

Jonah 1-4

Micah 2

Micah 4-7



Questions to Ponder

- How do Job's trials compare with the trials people experience in our day?
- How does the Lord bless us as we faithfully endure trials?
- How can a testimony of the Savior give us strength during adversity?

Elder Orson F. Whitney:

"No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to our education, to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable, more worthy to be called the children of God ... and it is through sorrow and suffering, toil and tribulation, that we gain the education that we come here to acquire and which will make us more like our Father and Mother in heaven" (qtd in Spencer W. Kimball, *Faith Precedes the Miracle*, 98).

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin defined *integrity* as "always doing what is right and good, regardless of the immediate consequences. It means being righteous from the very depth of our soul, not only in our actions but, more important, in our thoughts and in our hearts. Personal integrity implies such trustworthiness and incorruptibility that we are incapable of being false to a trust or covenant" (*Ensign*, May 1990, 30).

The Prophet Joseph Smith:

"I am like a huge, rough stone rolling down from a high mountain; and the only polishing I get is when some corner gets rubbed off by coming in contact with something else, ... knocking off a corner here and a corner there. Thus I will become a smooth and polished shaft in the quiver of the Almighty" (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 304).

Elder Richard G. Scott:

"When you face adversity, you can be led to ask many questions. Some serve a useful purpose; others do not. To ask, Why does this have to happen to me? Why do I have to suffer this now? What have I done to cause this? will lead you into blind alleys. It really does no good to ask questions that reflect opposition to the will of God. Rather ask, What am I to do? What am I to learn from this experience? What am I to change? Whom am I to help? How can I remember my many blessings in times of trial?" (*Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 17).

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