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SURVIVE UNDER ATTACK

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Job 40-42 records the words of God declaring His supreme power over all things. He speaks about the hippopotamus and the crocodile, and the unique way He created them. In Job 41:34 God tells Job, you have more respect for the strength and power of the crocodile than Him. He lets Job know He is the Creator of the crocodile, yet Job resists Him to His face. He concludes saying, "Everything under the heavens is Mine; therefore, who can have a claim against God?" (Amplified Bible Classic Edition)



Job had been under attack by Satan, with God's permission, and took the liberty of addressing God from the standpoint it wasn't fair. He survived under attack because God knew in his heart that he really loved and respected Him and the suffering from so much tragedy and personal pain would be a valuable lesson. Satan was convinced Job would curse God and die. God knew it would not come to that. God knew the ultimate lesson is that Job would have a higher respect for God as God of all who is righteous and just in all His ways, whether it seems fair to us or not; whether we know and understand or not.

Most of us think life isn't fair and God should reconstruct things so we don't have to be under attack. As with Job, our attacks reveal to us how we misunderstand God. Job says in chapter 42:3, "Therefore I now see I have rashly uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. He further states in v4 that he aimed to demand God to declare to him what is happening and why is it happening. I am so guilty of this, and perhaps you too.

We can and do survive every attack we experience in this life. The bottom line is we must accept that God is allowing things to happen that we do not understand and do not know. But it is not unfair, unjust or even unkind. Remember this scripture, Romans 8:28, We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose. Job ended well, and we should want to end our lives well too. To survive under attack means we must believe God's purpose is being carried out in our life. This allows us the grace to Praise Him and give thanks even under attack.

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