

Verse 3

Job 5:7

"Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward."

This verse rocks! They all do, but this one is great. Romans 3:23 says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This verse in Job is that in a nut shell. There are many sides to anything, but really only two when it comes to sin. Some believe were good, but bad things change us. Christians: however, believe were born with the inherited sin gene. How many kids are angels? Why do circumstances change us sometimes? We are just human you know? It is what it is. Frankly it always has been this way. Were born to break the rules.

Every day I deliver the mail. We never know how much there will be. Some days are light and others are not It's human nature to want it easy. Who hopes for hard days. It's the same with lies. To some there are bad lies, yet for others, there are innocent white lies. These white ones are called harmless and trivial in the dictionary. But, we do them like their second nature. Some lies cause a spark. It's human nature. Sparks always fly upwards like lies cause trouble.

My thought is we are made for trouble. You could say that trouble finds us. Maybe it takes one to know one. Humans cheat, lie, abuse, ignore, and many other fabulous character flaws. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 gives us a list of things we do that might prohibit us from entering heaven What I like is what is not mentioned. People say I'm clean because I'm not on the list. The rule of thumb is that we all break at least one of the ten commandments. Nobody is perfect.

Yet, we strive to stay off lists. News flash. A sin list is not exhaustive. Humans find new ways to sin all the time.

I just want to mention a few things. One is that Job thought he was clean. Yet, I love him praying and sacrificing for his children. He says they might have done wrong. Oh, he knew. There is no might. Job thought he was a respected upstanding citizen. At one point in this book, his friend said a list of things Job neglected. They were not on Job's list. Job's wife said curse God and die. I bet she was an upstanding religious woman too. Not! Job was no less a sinner than all of us.

Finally, I wanted to mention Adam and Eve. What is original sin? Was it pride that they wanted more? Was it deceit because they hid from God? If God said (no) to eating of a certain tree, then was it theft if they took it? God says at one point that our sins would affect the third and fourth generations. Seems harsh. Yet, drunks produce drunks. Disheveled families produce trouble. All the time? No, but much of the time, it's unfortunately true. We are sparks that most certainly fly upwards more often than not. Our sins do affect the third and fourth generations.

If sin is actions that hurt others. Actions that break rules and laws. Then they could be called sparks. Those little white lie sparks will go up and sometimes ignite bigger fires (lies). It's how humans roll. From Adam and Eve to Job there has been an argument. Is God right to punish? Is God right to have his laws and rules? Either way, sin (sparks) do cause fires. God made us to be better than we have become. Possibly the sparks of disobedience by Adam and Eve have caused a fire that still rages on today.