

# Job Said, It May Be That My Sons Have Sinned

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*As Christians, we must be aware of the dangers of festivity and prepare ourselves for temptation through prayer and meditation.*

**Scripture:** Job 1:5, Ephesians 6:11

**Topics:** "Spiritual Vigilance", "Intercessory Prayer"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the importance of vigilance and prayer in the lives of parents, using Job's concern for his children as a model. He notes that during times of festivity, individuals are particularly susceptible to temptation and may stray from their faith. Meyer encourages believers to prepare themselves spiritually before engaging in social gatherings and to reflect on their behavior afterward, seeking forgiveness for any uncharitable thoughts or actions. He highlights the power of intercessory prayer for children who are navigating the world, reminding parents that they can still influence their lives through prayer even when they are not physically present. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a proactive approach to maintaining one's faith amidst societal pressures.

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## Transcript

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and renounced God in their hearts. Job i. 5 (R.V.).

TIMES of festivity are always full of temptation. The loins are relaxed, the girdle of the soul is loosed. Amid the general hilarity and the passing of the merry joke, words are said and thoughts permitted which are not always consistent with the character of God and his glorious kingdom and service. Job was not wrong, therefore, in supposing that his children might have contracted some defiling stain.

It necessary for some of us to move in society, and to attend festive gatherings. As the Lord went to the wedding feast, and accepted Simon's invitation, so must we. The sphere of our life lies necessarily in the world. But when we are entering scenes of recreation and pleasure we should be more than ever careful to put on our armour, and by previous meditation and prayer prepare ourselves for the inevitable temptation; and when it is all over, and the lights are down, we should quietly review our behaviour under the light that streams from the Word of God. If we then are made aware of frivolous or uncharitable words, of jealousy because others have outshone us, or of pride at the splendour of our dress and the brilliance of our talk, we must confess it, and obtain forgiveness and restoration.

What a beautiful example is furnished by Job to Christian parents! When your girls are going among strangers, and your boys into the great ways of the world, and you are unable to impose your will upon them, as in the days of childhood, you can yet pray for them, casting over them the shield of intercession, with strong cryings and tears. They are beyond your reach; but by faith you can move the arm of God on their behalf.

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