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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Job 1:21** *The LORD gives and the LORD takes away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.*  
(NIV)

The Hebrew word for *blessed* is **me vo rach** which means *continuously giving thanks*. We find this passage after Job had just lost most of his family, his animals, and his servants. Basically, he lost almost everything that he had. I find it most incredible that Job responds to all of this with this very verse. Job was looking at the most horrible day of his earthly life with heavenly eyes. He was proclaiming that everything that he did possess came from the hand of the LORD and that the same hand could take it away.

This is truly living by faith in the One Who has given us everything. Some might say that they earned whatever they have, but even God gave you the ability to do so. Job rightly said that it is the LORD Who gives and the LORD Who can take away; and either way, I will continuously thank Him.

King David had also lost family members and close friends, but he proclaims in **Ps. 34:1-2** *I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the LORD; the humble will hear it and rejoice. Exalt the LORD with me, and let's exalt His name together.* (NIV)

These two godly men: Job (who walked blamelessly) and David (a man after God's own heart) give us wonderful examples of people who praise God, no matter what the circumstances of life may bring. Let us join with them and exalt the LORD and His name together!

**Dear LORD, we do choose to bless Your name above all others. We will bless You, no matter what the circumstances, because we know how much You love us. We exalt You, In Jesus Name, Amen**