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A RECOVERY ACT THAT WORKED 6000 YEARS AGO

JOB had a one-man depression. The Bible tells us that he fulfilled all the conditions of a fine and useful citizen. He was honest, industrious, kind to his family and had a host of friends. His riches were a by-word. Then, suddenly, everything was swept away from him, and he was left in poverty and suffering. ¶ Evidently Job's experience was recorded as a lesson for all time. What was it? There is nothing to indicate that this calamity was a punishment for sin. Nevertheless, it is stated that his loss was permitted by an all-wise Providence. The deduction is that he needed this experience, and it was incumbent upon him to discover in what way he had failed to meet the requirements of his Maker. ¶ After the crash, Job's wife told him to curse God and die. He refused. He had lost all the desirable things which his human intelligence and business acumen had enabled him to acquire. Yet, instead of striving to recover what he had before the blow fell, he began to concern himself with considering the part his Maker played in the scheme of things. ¶ Then he learned the lesson—that divine dependence is more important than human independence. Finally the narrative tells us that “. . . the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.” ¶ If Job's experience was intended to teach a lesson to all who might find themselves in the same predicament, then the people of this country might well consider in what way they have fallen short in fulfilling the demands of spiritual law. Instead of trying to restore prosperity and happiness on the old basis, should they not attempt to remedy the lack—whatever it is—and so regain their prosperity on a new basis, lest in the future a worse condition befall them? ¶ The history of every nation of the past—no matter how arrogant, proud or prosperous it was—shows that something was lacking, since, after a measure of time, it was wiped out or else declined in power and affluence. Do we want such a tragedy to overtake our United States? ¶ The permanence of Job's later prosperity was founded on two basic rules, without which no man or nation can expect to remain prosperous. The first rule is spiritual dependence—the recognition of man's creator as the real source of his supply. If this is a fact, then in order to have the human manifestation of that supply abundant and continuous, it must be the expression of man's dependence on God. The second rule is a willingness on the part of man to be prosperous only as the whole country is prosperous, and the perception that a nation, in order to be prosperous, must rightfully consider the needs of the whole world. ¶ These rules made Job's individual recovery act successful. Our present National Recovery Act approaches that of Job in that it puts the welfare of the whole nation ahead of that of any individual. It recognizes that no individual prosperity can



endure unless the whole country prospers. ¶ All that remains, therefore, to follow out the hint given by Job's experience, is to add to what our President is endeavoring to accomplish through that, unless we strive to live up to the requirements and under the laws of the all-wise Providence that brought forth and controls this nation—and all nations—our prosperity will be no more enduring than was that of Job. Everything he gained that the world would consider important to happiness, was swept away. ¶ Therefore, let us take as our slogan this thought-provoking edict:

Nothing Man Gains Through the Strength of His Own Right Arm or the Cleverness of His Own Intelligence Can Be Lasting, If Man Disregards His Creator!

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