

Job, the Man Who Feared God

Job 1:1-2:10, 42

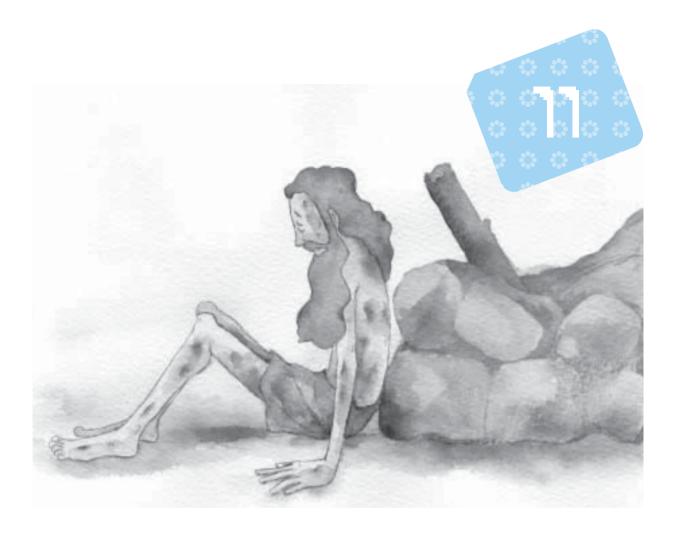
There was a man living in the land of Uz named Job. Job was upright and was a man who served God well. Job had children of his fruit and was the richest man in the East. One day, Satan came up to God.

God: Have you seen anyone who serves me as well as Job?

Satan: However, if You were to take away all his fortune and children, he would surely curse You.

God: Then take his things and do what you want with them. Just don't but your hands on him.





Job lost all his wealth and ten children in a single day. Though he was sad, he did not curse God. Instead, he fell to the ground and worshiped God.

Job: God has given all things, so even if He takes them away, I will not resent Him. Rather, I will praise His name.

God: There, you see? Job kept his faith instead.

Satan: That's because his body is still healthy. If he were sick, he would curse You and resent You.

God: Fine, then I'll allow you to do whatever you wish to Job. Just don't touch his life.

You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.



This time, Job was struck with painful boils* on his whole body. Because it was so itchy, he took a potsherd* to scratch him his body.

Job's Wife: Will you still keep your faith? Just curse God and die!

Job: What you say is incredibly foolish. God is He who gives everything, both blessing and disaster.

Even while Job was suffering through all these things, he did not resent God to the very end. God gave blessings to Job, who endured through everything to the end. Job became healthy again and gained twice as much property. He also had ten children and lived for a long time.

*boil: a severe skin disease; a painful swelling of the skin. *potsherd: a shard of pottery.





Today's Study

Job, Who Faced Sufferings

- 1. Job was upright and was a man who served God well. But what kind of things did he suffer? Search through the Bible and write them down.
- He was very rich. →

(Job 1:13-17)

He had ten children. →

(Job 1:18-19)

He was healthy. →

(Job 2:7)

2. If you were Job, what would you have done?

When Sufferings Come

1. How did Job handle it when he faced huge sufferings for no reason? Look up what Job said and write them down.





2. For what reason did God bless Job twice as much as before?

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the

of Job and seen the send intended by the Lord-that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:11)



Today's Lesson

We Also like Job...

There are hard and difficult things for us born-again people as well. How do you go through those times? Read the following story and answer.



When born-again Charley eats at school, he prays. Each time he does, Roy pulls off jokes on him and makes fun of him. Then, an angry Charley calls Roy names and fights with him.



Joey's family is poor and his father caught a disease. But Joey doesn't resent God and lives with the thanks of his salvation. Although it's difficult, he's praying for the grace that God will provide and is bearing with it.

1. What would you have done if you were Joey?

2. How would you have acted if you were Charley?
3. If you're having a hard time putting up with something or are facing some difficulty, write it down.
There are many times when we cannot even bear with small difficulties. God wants us to put up with those difficulties. It's because when we bear through it like Job and just wait, God gives us even better things

but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's ______, that when

His ______ is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

(1 Peter 4:13)



Moth that Cannot Fly

Alfred Wallace is a British scientist.

One day, Alfred Wallace discovered a baby moth trying to come out of the cocoon of a silkworm by penetrating through it. Because it looked like the moth was having such a hard time, he tore the cocoon for it, allowing the moth to come out easily. However, the moth that came out like that just flapped its wings and couldn't fly.

Wallace later discovered the reason. When moths work to tear through and come out of the cocoon, the nutrition gathered up in the shoulders all get spread into the wings, allowing the moth to come out of the cocoon and fly soon after. But the moth that comes out of a cocoon that gets opened up for it does not get its nutrition spread to its wings and cannot fly.

God gives us sufferings because He wants us to grow more and become stronger. This means we who are saved need to go through sufferings.

Parents

