

Job's Test - *Job 1*

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Intro

Suffering is not expected today in the Christian Church.

During the Naiceen Conference out of 300+ people only 12 had whole bodies that weren't mangled in some way due to persecution.

In order for a Christian to grow he must have some resistance

Context

Books is a classic using poems and prose

Author: no clue, tradition holds that Moses was.

Where: Land of Uz. Close to south Syria

Who is Job?

"blameless" - (tam) complete in nothing, balanced and integrated in his character"

It doesn't mean that he never sinned but that when He did he confessed it and dealt with it in the way that God wanted Him to.

"upright" - without deviating from God's holy standard

If you do what's right life would be much easier [within a context] -
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"fear" (yare) - a healthy perspective on God that has a desire to not disappoint God

"sovereignty" - God is above all.

"greatest of all the men of the east" - The Bible doesn't condemn prosperity, however it does state that riches can be a trap for some people.

Some of the most Godly men are millionaires.

Job was a good father. He would offer burnt offerings (not a sin offering from the Mosaic law) for them which noted that they had an interest in the spiritual growth of their children. Job understood that people needed to be reminded of God's place in their lives especially during times of prosperity.

Who is Satan

Eph 1:3 - "heavenly places" is not referring to something above us. But the spiritual realm of which is going on right now.

"The sons of God" - the angels. This is not the same as used in the NT. In the OT this speaks of angels (possibly only fallen angels).

"Satan" - the adversary

"Where have you come from?" - God is omniscient however

Satan's activity - "going to and fro throughout the earth". He is not omnipresent but he has lots of demons. He is looking for people to destroy, devour and ruin the lives of people. Why? Because we bear the image of God.

What happens to Job? (round 1)

1. Sabians attack his ox and donkey herds
2. A fire consumed his sheep and servants
3. Chaldeans raided his camels and killed his servants
4. His sons and daughters were killed during one of their parties.

If we aren't walking close to the Father Satan can strike at us.

Job's response

- He worships God
- The Lord has blessed me, why cannot He take my life away.

Application

1. We have a real adversary that cannot be seen. Stay close to the Father.
2. We have a sovereign God that we can trust. Stay close to the Father.