

Intro

Job had incomplete knowledge which led to the distorted view of God.

God's complete council is necessary for a full Christian life.

There is no safe place in war.

Job 1: we get the picture of the spiritual war that is going on.

Often we forget the spiritual and only see the physical around us.

God lifts us to a more global perspective in the story of Job. He gives us a background view and shows us that when we're in the midst of confusion we must remember that God sees us. *1 Cor 10:1-5*

We are not here to enjoy ourselves. We are in a battlefield! We are part of an army!

Faith is believing what you cannot see!

Matthew 26:39

Job 42:3

Job 40

This book shows who Job really was - a self deceived man. He thought he had all the energy to face the trials of his life. (*Jeremiah 17:9*). We must come to a point where we say: I must get more of God! I am unable to do this on my own.

Job 23:10 - Job understood that God was testing him; however there was a hint of suspicion that his (wrong) friends could be right.

When we stray from God and He shows up then keeps coming, and we think "God! Enough already! I get the point!" But we need it. We need His discipline, or His rebuke.

"Why am I not receiving your blessing?" - check your heart. Let God be God!

When we are called upon to suffer we have a great privilege. Because God is saying "I trust you enough to succeed through this". What happens when we come through? We make Satan a liar and we bring ourselves into a light that is like non-other (a life that can only be explained by God).

4 rules for dying

- don't complain

- keep the home bright
- count the blessings
- turn the dying to gain

This is what true faith does!

Proverbs 3:5-6