

The Benefit of Pain - *Job 2:2-10*

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Introduction

The Book of Job's theme is not suffering but God; God is there and He's present in our lives.

The first argument of the Gospel is that "God is there"; God is in control!

- Job provides the longest part of the Bible where God speaks
- Job may have been the first inspired book of the Bible
- Job is where we have a more intimate view of the conversation between God and Satan.
- Job provides more Hebrew words not found in the rest of scripture
- Job is diverse in writing style - it has its own genre
- Job wrestles with the questions about suffering and why it happens

Job was not **perfect** but **blameless**. He dealt with the sin in his life and did not let it linger. He did what was correct even when he sinned.

Fearing God - a healthy fear of God.

"Skin for skin" - a colloquialism meaning Job would do anything to save his own life.

Some think that Job is a fictional piece and not historical. If Job was fictional then God is shown as a murderer.

The gift of life is from God. God cannot murder when He takes back what is already His.

If Job died of sickness we would not call God a murderer but sovereign. So how can we say God is a murderer if He takes a life through other means? He can't be labelled as such.

Job's sores

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Job's Wife

Job is out at the city dump

“Curse God and die!” - sarcasm She was allowing her emotions to control her.
Men can feel weak and vulnerable at times and we need to have the emotional support of our wives.

Job's Rebuke

He doesn't call her a foolish woman. He says that she is having a temporary lapse of judgement

“foolish” (“nebalah”) - without discernment.

Application

- Husbands and wives should not attack one another. Instead ask what God is trying to teach each other.
- In times of spiritual warfare one should expect Satan's attack
- In times of spiritual warfare one should remember that God is sovereign.