

# 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.