

“DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER, AND IF SO, WHY?” Pt. II (Job 2-3)

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INTRO: We saw last Sunday that the righteous do suffer. Job suffered because he was righteous, but worshipped and trusted God in spite of his suffering and maintained his integrity (Job 1:1, 8, 20-22). Let's follow Job's example!

I. JOB'S 2nd REALLY BAD DAY & JOB'S 3 FRIENDS (chapter 2)

A. Meet Job's 2nd Really Bad Day (Job 2:1-10).

1. Satan again appeared before God (vv. 1-2).
2. God affirmed Job's integrity even in suffering (v. 3).
3. Satan: "Job will curse God if he loses his health (v. 4-5)."
4. God allowed Satan to attack Job's health but Satan wasn't allowed to kill him (v. 6).
 - a. Satan can't do much without God allowing him!
5. Satan attacks Job's health with severe boils (vv. 7-8).
6. Job's wife told him to curse God and die, but Job chose to continue to serve God (vv. 9-10).

B. Meet Job's 3 Friends (2:11-13).

- A. Job's 3 friends heard about what Job was going through and came together to comfort him (v. 11).
- B. They didn't even recognize Job at first and grieved (v. 12).
- C. They didn't say a word for 7 days & nights, which ended up being the best thing they did (v. 13).

II. JOB'S RESPONSE TO REALLY BAD DAYS (chapter 3)

- A. Job cursed the day of his birth (vv. 1-10).
- B. Job wished he had never been born and lived (vv. 11-19).
- C. Job questions why light and life are given to those suffering but long to die (vv. 20-26).
 1. What Job feared came upon him, but it doesn't tell us it came upon him because he feared.

III. SUFFERING & THE NEW COVENANT

- A. Just because someone goes through suffering, it doesn't necessarily mean they did something to deserve it (Luke 13:1-5; John 9:1-3).
- B. We reap according to what we sow (Gal. 6:7-10), but we can also reap what we have not sown (Job)!

CONCLUSION: If suffering, don't lose heart (Gal. 6:9-10)!