

“DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER, AND IF SO, WHY?” (Job 1)

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INTRO: We’re going to begin a series of messages on the book of Job. Job was likely written between the 7th & 4th centuries B.C. and should be placed chronologically near the beginning of Genesis, just before Abraham. The record of the various discourses are inspired, but not all the content of the discourses are inspired.

1. We have an advantage over Job being we are living under a better covenant based on better promises (Heb. 8:6)!
2. Job’s suffering likely lasted from a few months to 1 year.

JOB’S REALLY BAD DAY (chapter 1)

I. Meet Job and His Family (vv. 1-5).

- A. Job was the most righteous man at that time (v. 1).
- B. Job had 7 sons and 3 daughters (v. 2).
- C. Job’s possessions and respect (v. 3).
- D. Job’s adult children’s parties & Job’s sacrifices (vv. 4-5).

II. Meet Job’s Accuser (vv. 6-12).

- A. Satan & the sons of God approached God (v. 6).
- B. God bragged on Job’s character (vv. 7-8).
- C. Satan accused Job of only serving God because of God’s blessings (vv. 9-11; Rev. 12:10).
- D. God gave Satan permission to attack Job (v. 12).
 1. Satan can only do what God allows!

III. Meet Job’s Really Bad Day (vv. 13-22).

- A. Job lost all his livestock & servants (vv. 13-17).
- B. Job lost all his children in a terrible storm (vv. 18-19).
- C. Job mourned and worshipped God (vv. 20-22).

•Is there anything that would turn you away from God?

IV. Job Outside of Job (Ezek. 14:20; James 5:11).

- A. Job’s righteousness (Ezek. 14:20).
- B. Job’s perseverance (James 5:11).

Conclusion: If you’re suffering, persevere & pray! God will never allow you to face more than you can handle (1Cor. 10:13)! **In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.** (Job 1:22) **Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.** (James 5:13a)