

The Challenge, Part 2

Read Job 2:1-3. Does God say Job passed the test?

Did Satan give up? What was his next attack (2:4-8)?

What did Job's wife advise (2:9)? Do people say the same thing today, but in a different way?

What did Job say to his wife (2:10)? Did Job pass the second test?

Job's Visitors

Read Job 2:11-13. Who came to visit Job?

How did they try to comfort Job?

A Look Ahead

Remember what Job had before Satan accused him? Job had many physical blessings, a good moral life, and a good relationship with God. What was taken away? What did he have left?

One problem with suffering is when we lose one thing, we feel like we lost everything. In the next study, we will see how Job and his friends deal with this problem.

The Problem of Suffering



The Book of Job, Part 1

Suffering. At some time in life, everyone experiences suffering. Suffering can be physical, mental, or spiritual. Any kind of suffering can be one of the most difficult and testing times of our life. Often we have many questions about suffering. Why must we suffer? Did I do something to deserve it? Why doesn't God stop it? To discuss some of these questions, we will study part of the book of Job in the Bible. We will divide the book into three studies.

1. Losing Everything.
2. Why?
3. God's Answer.

Job: When Everything Was Good

Job had a very good life. Read Job 1:1-5, then fill in the blanks below.

Job had a good physical life.

- He had _____ sons and _____ daughters.
- He had _____ sheep, _____ camels, _____ yoke of oxen, and _____ donkeys.
- Job also had many _____.
- In terms of his wealth, his wisdom, his respect, Job was the _____ man in the East.

Job had a good moral life. What does verse 1 say about Job's life and actions?

Job had a good spiritual life, a good relationship with God. Job knew a relationship with God was so important, what did he do for his sons and daughters?

The Challenge

Read Job 1:6-8. What does God say about Job? What does God care about, Job's riches or his life?

What is Satan's accusation against Job (1:9-11)?

What is the only way to know if Satan's accusation is true or not?

What does God answer (1:12)?

If we belong to God, can Satan make any kind of attack against us without God's permission?

Read Job 1:13-19. What happened? List all the things Satan took away, and compare the list to what Job had at the beginning (list on the left).

Job lost his _____ and _____, the _____, the _____, almost all of his _____ and all ten of his _____.

Job's Response

Read Job 1:20-22. What did Job do? What did he say?

Notice that Job didn't sin. If he complained, would that be sin? If so, how?