

JOB 2

REVIEW...

- Hated
 - o Job
- he
Satan
- of
- o Satan
 - to
- If

was his name...
was NOT the
enemy of God –
was HATED by
– because he was
UPRIGHT!

- One
day the Sons of
God came before
the Lord – Satan
came along with
them...

- The
LORD asked
SATAN – have
you NOTICED my
servant Job...

- God
knew that Job
had a TARGET on
his back!

- SATAN
pointed out God
had put a WALL
protection
around Job – he
could NOT touch
him!

demanded a test
prove the
MOTIVE of the
loyalty of Job...
God took away
the WALL – the
BLESSINGS – Job
would
immediately
CURSE God...

- God
agreed to the
TEST – but Satan
could not TOUCH
Job!

- Satan took all of his possession – and KILLED all of his children...
- Job lost EVERYTHING in a moment – but he did NOT curse God...
- Instead Job bowed down and worshiped the Lord!

GETTING SICK... (3 POINTS)

• 1ST – THE QUESTIONS... vs. 1-3

o 1st – Where do you come from... vs. 1-2

- Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves to the Lord...
 - SONS of God [בְּנֵי הָעֲלֹהִים] – a term used exclusively to describe ANGELS...
 - Only used in **Job 1:6 / 2:1 / 38:7** – and in **Genesis 6:2-4**
 - Again - included with them was SATAN [הַשָּׂטָן] – THE ACCUSER!
 - SATAN [שָׂטָן] – only used 14x in OT to describe our ENEMY – 11x in the book of Job!
- The Lord [יְהוָה] asked SATAN [הַשָּׂטָן] – where do you come from...
 - His answer - I have been patrolling the earth - watching everything that is going on [NLT] ...
 - SATAN does NOT rule and reign in Hell – he is the god of this world...
 - When SATAN rebelled against God – he was cast down to earth - **Luke 10:18**
 - When God created the world - gave the DEED to Adam and Eve - **Genesis 1:28-30**
 - When Adam and Eve chose to sin in the garden - rebel against God - **Genesis 3**
 - They gave the DEED of the world to satan - **II Corinthians 4:4 / John 14:30**

o 2nd – Have you considered... vs. 3

- The LORD asked SATAN – have you CONSIDERED my servant Job...
 - CONSIDERED [שׁוּם] – have you laid your hands violently on Job yet...
 - Of course the answer to this question was YES – SATAN had CONSIDERED Job!
 - He had taken EVERYTHING from him – including his children!
- Still he holds fast his INTEGRITY...
 - HOLDS fast [hiphil] – to CAUSE to make strong – CHOOSE to STAND firm...
 - In spite of EVERYTHING Job had lost - he CHOSE to STAND in the LORD – **Ephesians 6:13**
 - When Jesus taught the multitudes about the BREAD of life – eat My flesh / drink My blood...
 - It was a HARD teaching – and MOST of His Disciples walked away...
 - But when He asked the TWELVE if they would ALSO leave – Peter answered...
 - **John 6:68** – “Lord - to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”
 - We see in Job – living a Godly life is NOT a guarantee of an EASY life...
 - Just the opposite – BAD things happened BECAUSE Job lived a Godly life – **John 16:33**
 - Since following Jesus means life is HARDER – we might think it is better NOT to follow...
 - But Job understood – where ELSE could we go and find ETERNAL life!
- Although you [requested] me against him - to [consume] him without cause...
 - God acknowledged SATAN had REQUESTED – God CONSUME [piel] Job - **Job 1:11**
 - Though Job had done NOTHING to deserve the devastation God allowed...
 - God pulled back His protection to allow Job to be TESTED – to see if he would STAND firm!
 - Do NOT miss – God was PROUD of Job – the SECOND time he told SATAN to CONSIDER Job!
 - One of the hardest things to do as a parent – is to let our children face challenges...
 - Give them the opportunity to stand – knowing they MIGHT fail...
 - But if they succeed – it is the PROUD parent who declares – look at MY child!
 - The real test of CHARACTER is how they act when life falls apart...
 - God uses TRIALS in life to TEST us - let us see what we are made of...
 - God already knows - but He wants US to see what is in OUR hearts!

• 2ND – PHYSICAL PROBLEMS... vs. 4-8

o 1st – Skin for skin... vs. 4

- Satan answered the LORD – skin for skin – all that a man has he will give for his life...
 - There are only THREE sources to EVERY problem that can come into our lives...
 - We can have FINANCIAL problems – not having enough money...
 - We can have RELATIONAL problems – being hurt by others – family / friends...
 - We can have PHYSICAL problems – getting sick and dying!
- FINANCIAL and RELATIONAL problems had failed to stumble Job...
 - SATAN had been forbidden from taking the health of Job – **Job 1:12**
 - SATAN was requesting to bring the final attack – take his HEALTH!
 - We have ALL at some point in our lives FEARED death...
 - For some it might be occasional – living in denial – for others it can be daily crippling...
 - Therefore the thought of being SICK is terrifying – we MIGHT die!
 - Many avoid doing to the doctor for fear of the prognoses – CANCER / DISEASE!
 - This should NOT be the case for a BELIEVER – DEATH is NOT the end...
 - Far too often we get way too attached to this life and forget - **Hebrews 11:13-16**
 - We are not HOME yet – our HOME is a place we have yet to see – our home is HEAVEN...
 - We need to remember to NOT fear death – it is just the door that takes us HOME!
- o 2nd – Stretch out Your HAND... vs. 5-6
 - Stretch [imperative] out YOUR hand now - and touch [imperative] his bone and his flesh...
 - And he will surely curse You to Your face!
 - SATAN demands that God be the one to strike the HEALTH of Job...
 - Not just an external sickness [flesh] – but an internal one as well [bone]!
 - NOTE – it was God who had to do it – SATAN could NOT just touch Job!
 - The LORD said to Satan – Behold - he is in your hand - but spare his LIFE...
 - Even when God gave permission for SATAN to harm Job – there were limits...
 - SATAN could ONLY take his HEALTH – he could NOT kill Job!
 - **Psalms 66:9** – “Who keeps our soul among the living...”
 - Our days are numbered by the Lord – and we will not die a day sooner than He says!
 - Therefore we have NOTHING to fear from ANY sickness...
 - Because if we get sick – and it is NOT our time – we will get better...
 - And if it is OUR TIME – then there is nothing we can do to be healed!
 - God ALLOWS sickness...
 - This is HARD for many people to accept...
 - If God is LOVE – why does He allow GOOD people to suffer – and even die...
 - Why would He allow innocent children to get cancer – birth defects!
 - Two PROBLEMS with that question – FIRST – there are NO good people - **Romans 3:23**
 - SECOND – we assume suffering is BAD – which is NOT true!
 - If life we ONLY about the EIGHTY or so years we are given here on earth...
 - Then God allowing people to get SICK is CRUEL...
 - But if life is about ETERNITY – then ANYTHING He allows – even sickness...
 - That brings us brokenness – leads us to Jesus – is the most LOVING thing God could do!
 - It would NOT be loving to let a person be HEALTHY – till the day they went to HELL...
 - It is LOVE to let someone get SICK – so they cry out to Jesus – and go to HEAVEN!
 - There was a woman who had been sick for TWELVE years...
 - She tried EVERYTHING – but God – to be her cure and answer!
 - **Mark 5:26** – “[She] suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.”
 - Which is what finally brought her to Jesus – to touch the border of His clothing...
 - Only then was she HEALED – her sickness led her to the ONLY answer she needed...

- If she had NEVER been sick – she would never have gone looking for Jesus!

o 3rd – Painful BOILS... vs. 7-8

- Satan... struck Job with painful boils from... his foot to... his head...
 - BOILS – [בַּשָּׂרָה] – first used to describe the SIXTH plague in Egypt – **Exodus 9:8-9**
 - Also used to describe LEPROSY – **Leviticus 13:20**
 - Here we are told they were PAINFUL [כָּעֵל] boils – or literally EVIL boils...
 - They covered the body of Job from the bottom of his feet – to the top of his head!
- Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery [NLT] ...
 - SCRAPE – only here OT – used to describe PEELING bark off a tree!
 - The imagery is quite graphic – Job was PEELING open his wounds with a broken pot...
 - Presumably to force out the pus that was accumulating under his skin!
 - If you have ever had a pimple – or a boil – it REALLY hurts as it builds up pressure...
 - The only way to get relief is to POP to boil – release the pressure!
- As he sat among the ashes [NLT] ...
 - There are THREE thoughts as to why Job was sitting in ASHES...
 - FIRST – a sign of MOURNING – sackcloth and ashes – 8x in OT to describe mourning...
 - Job had lost EVERYTHING – money – family – health – he had good reason to MOURN!
 - SECOND – a sign of POVERTY – LXX – [ἐκάθιστο ἐπὶ τῆς κοπρίας ἔξω τῆς πόλεως] - sat on dung outside the city...
 - Job had lost EVERYTHING – and was left living in the city DUMP!
 - One of the saddest things I have ever seen – is people forced to live in a dump...
 - They literally have NOTHING – and live off the scraps other people throw away!
 - THIRD – a sign of SICKNESS – if Job was living on a dung pile – perhaps he could not leave!
 - When I was in college - I went on a missions trip to Kazakhstan...
 - It required taking a train ride across Siberia – a Russian gave me an EVIL pickle...
 - I spent the next FOUR days not able to leave the bathroom!
 - Whichever interpretation is correct – they all lead to the same conclusion...
 - Job was at the VERY bottom – his life was in complete RUINS!
- Two LESSONS – FIRST – LOOK up...
 - When hard times come - our first reaction is to LOOK to depend on us...
 - But God can turn up the HEAT - till we can NO longer handle our problems...
 - FINANCIAL ruin not enough – how about RELATIONAL problems – or ruined HEALTH...
 - Or all THREE - so we would learn not to trust in ourselves - but instead trust in God!
 - Because we find Strength in Weakness - **II Corinthians 12:9-10**
 - We pride ourselves in our STRENGTH – but what is our STRENGTH in comparison to God...
 - In truth we are WEAK- but it is in our WEAKNESS we find true STRENGTH...
 - When we realize we are WEAK we learn to depend on His STRENGTH!
- SECOND - No matter BAD our trials might be – at least we are NOT Job...
 - So often in life we think our problems are the WORSE than everyone else...
 - No one could possibly be going through anything more difficult...
 - But the challenges we face – are no worse than what others have gone through!
 - **I Corinthians 10:13** – “The temptations in your life are no different from others.”

● 3RD – BEING ALONE... vs. 9-13

o 1st – Wife of Job... vs. 9-10

- Do you still HOLD FAST to your integrity? Curse [imperative] God and die...
 - What is amazing – this is the SECOND time we have heard this...
 - The FIRST time was when God used these words to PRAISE Job – **Job 2:3**
 - After the first TWO trials – FINANCIAL / RELATIONAL – Job HELD fast his integrity!
 - But SATAN assured God once he lost his HEALTH – he would CURSE God and die!

- Meaning Job was NOT hearing from his wife...
 - This was SATAN speaking through His wife – twisting the WORD of God...
 - AGAIN - we miss who the real ENEMY is - we get caught up looking at the people...
 - Sometimes those people are the ones who are CLOSEST to us...
 - That is when it is a hardest to hear – when the attacks are the more devastating...
 - But they are STILL just puppets - being told what to say and do by SATAN...
 - The key is to go at the one who is in control - attack the root problem!
 - Taking on the real problem by breaking out the big guns – PRAYER and the WORD!
 - **Ephesians 6:12** – “We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world.”[NLT]
- Do NOT be a tool of SATAN...
 - This is the ONLY time we read about the WIFE of Job...
 - And her MARK on history – is that she was a TOOL of SATAN!
 - We need to be CAREFUL what we let come out of our mouths...
 - We can be a TOOL of SATAN – used to sow divisiveness and discouragement...
 - Or we can be a TOOL that is used by God to being GRACE and SALVATION...
 - HUSBANDS / WIVES – we have incredible power to tear down or build up our spouses!
 - **Ephesians 4:29** – “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”
- You speak [piel] as the foolish speak [piel] ...
 - FOOL – someone who does not KNOW God – **Psalms 14:1**
 - Job wisely understood – the words of his WIFE – were NOT from the Lord...
 - Instead he realized – we must accept both the GOOD and EVIL that comes into our lives!
 - **Isaiah 55:8** – “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways...”
 - If I PRAISE God when things happen that I WANT – and call them GOOD...
 - And CURSE God when things happen that I do NOT want – and call them BAD...
 - What I am really saying is I that I know better than God – which makes me a FOOL!
- o 2nd – Friends of Job... vs. 11-13
 - When Jobs three friends heard of all this adversity [they] came...
 - Eliphaz [my god is gold] – from Teman [south] – a descendant of Esau – **Genesis 36:11**
 - Bildad [confusing love] – from Shuah [wealthy] – a descendant of Abraham – **Genesis 25:2**
 - Zophar [depart early] – from Naamah [pleasant] – perhaps named after daughter of Cain...
 - They came together to MOURN and COMFORT [piel] Job!
 - Their names give us a CLUE as to what kind of COMFORTERS they will be...
 - Their counsel and COMFORT will be the content of the next 28 chapters!
 - Saying NOTHING...
 - When they arrived – they saw Job from afar – and did NOT recognize him...
 - They all WEPT – tore their coats – and sprinkled ashes towards heaven...
 - For SEVEN days they said ABSOLUTELY NOTHING [אין] – they just sat with their friend!
 - For they saw his GREIF was VERY GREAT!
 - I knew a couple who lost their child – two pastors came to encourage them...
 - One gave them the *right verses* / the other wrapped his arms around them and cried!
 - Sometimes the GREATEST comfort we can receive is not in words...
 - It is in saying NOTHING – just being there to let someone know they are NOT alone!
 - **Romans 12:15** – “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”