

YET WILL I TRUST HIM, PART 1
A MAN CALLED JOB
Job 1:1-12

Suffering is not meaningless if we come to know God better in the end.

The Book of Job

The book of Job is 42 chapters of a man not only suffering greatly but wrestling intensely with his own heart, struggling valiantly with his own understanding of God, and crying out, “What on earth is happening to me?”

In this book, we also see into the invisible half of the universe. We see what God is doing, and what God allows. We see that God is somehow *behind*, and *in*, and working *through* all the things that we call “the troubles of life.”

The question is not, “Where is God when it hurts?” The question is, “Where is Job?”

This book is about faith. It’s about trusting God when there’s nothing else left to trust.

Job is “blameless and upright” (Job 1:1, 8)

The Invisible Realm

Ephesians 3:10

Job becomes the focal point of contention between God and Satan.

Satan’s implied accusation: “God, you have stooped to bribery.”

At Issue

“Shall a person love God because he’s God, and enjoy his blessings?” OR “Shall a person love God *only because* of the blessings he or she might receive from God?”

Ultimately, it’s not Job who’s being set up; it’s Satan who’s being set up. God is leading the devil to his own defeat!

Something cosmic is going on here. The devil is given permission to bring calamity—but it all plays into the overarching plan of a good and great God.

The Calamity

Job 1:13-19

We as readers know about the cosmic set-up, but Job does not.

Job 1:20-22 shows us that Job is not serving God just for his benefits and blessings.

Relationship

The key in suffering is to have a vital relationship with the God who made us.

When it comes to suffering, it’s not a glib answer we need, but genuine comfort from the God who loves us.

It is better to accept hardship from God’s hand than to not be at God’s hand.

What would you allow God to take from you, and you will still serve him?