



Lesson learned from Suffering

Job 1-2

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Observations about Job

Job was:

- A highly-respected, honest judge (29:7, 12-17)
- A wise counselor (29:21-24)



Observations about Job

Job was:

- An honest employer
(31:13-15, 38-39)
- Hospitable and generous
(31:16-21, 32)



Job 1:1-3 Constantly doing what was right
because of his respect for God

Job 1:4-5

worried kids would inwardly curse God

Job 1:6-8

God suggests that Satan torment Job



1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.*

1 John 5:19 *We know that we are of God, and the whole world is under the sway of the evil one.*



Job 1:9-12

Satan addresses motives for godly living.
Attacks God and Job. We should worship
Him because He is God, not because of
what we might get in return



Job 1:13-19 Job's first test – loses everything

Job 1:20-22 – Job's response – grieves and worships



Job 2:1-4 Skin for skin – bartering reference.

Job 2:5-8 Satan plagues Job with disease

Job 2:9-10 “ignorant and spiritually non-discerning”



The good and the bad come from God

*Ecc 7:14 In the day of prosperity be happy, but in the day of adversity consider- **God has made the one as well as the other.** So that man will not discover anything that will be after him.*



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We do not have to have full understanding in order to be faithful.



The Christian attitude toward suffering

We are told to expect suffering



John 16:33 *I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. **You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.***

Phil 1:29 *For it has been given to you on Chris's behalf not only to believe in Him, **but also to suffer for Him.***



Romans 5:3-4

*And not only this, but we also **exult in our tribulations**, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, and perseverance proven character; and proven character hope;*



Possible reasons why we are allowed to suffer:

God has good reasons for allowing suffering, but He does not have to tell us what they are.



Possible reasons why we are allowed to suffer:

Job - God allows you to suffer so that future generations might benefit from your experience. Glorifying Himself by teaching you a deeper appreciation of who He is.



Only seeing a glimpse of God's longer plan:

- Blind man - John 9:24
- Lazarus - John 11:4
- Joseph - Gen. 50:20



**Only seeing a glimpse of God's
longer plan:**

Rom 8:28

*We know that all things work together
for the good of those who love God.*



God's people in your presence are being disobedient:

- Abraham and Sarah - Egyptian women being barren (Gen 20:17-18)
- Jonah with the pagan sailors (Jonah 1:8-10)



Someone in authority over you is rebelling against God –

- Korah's rebellion - Number 16
- Wicked kings of Israel - Isaiah 9:6 and Jeremiah 19
- Adam - Romans 5:12



Someone in authority over you is rebelling against God –

- 1 Cor. 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I also am of Christ
- God's enemies are persecuting you –
Matthew 5:11-12



Personal sin – can bring suffering upon ourselves

John 5:14

After this, Jesus found him in the temple complex and said to him, “See, you are well. Do not sin any more so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.”



Personal sin – can bring suffering upon ourselves

1 Cor. 11:29-32

*[Lord's Supper] For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. **This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep.** If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged.*



**You may be denied what you want
most because having it will harm you:**

Rachel - Gen. 30:1; 35:16-20



Concluding thoughts:

- God never tells Job why he suffers.
- God's people can worship in all circumstances.
- Persevering faith leads to hope.



Concluding thoughts:

- Why should we suffer? – Why not?
God's people are the only ones capable of handling it.