

Character Studies in the Book of Job

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I. Satan

1. Satan accuses _____
2. Satan accuses _____
3. Satan's M.O.: _____, _____, _____
4. James 4:6 _____

II. Job & Mrs. Job

Same Affliction, Different Response

<u>Affliction</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Children		
Possessions		
Job/Income		
Health		

III. Job's Three Friends

Tried to explain the _____
 Presumed to know _____
 Presumed Job's _____

IV. Job's Moral Compass (Job 31)

Evidence of Relationship with God

- 31:1 Purity of thought life (Matthew 5:27)
- 31:4 Aware of God's presence (Matthew 6:27,32)
- 31:5-8 Honesty & integrity
- 31:9-12 Fidelity to his wife
- 31:13-15 A just employer
- 31:16-23 Generosity to the poor & widows/orphans in need
- 31:24-28 Trust in God and not riches (Matthew 6:19-34)
- 31:29-30 Gracious toward enemies, not vengeful (Matthew 5:21-26:38-48)
- 31:31-32 Hospitality to strangers
- 31:33-34 Integrity & honesty toward God

V. Why Believer's Suffer (just a few)

1. Sin (causes conflict and pain)

- General-the curse (Genesis 3:14-19; Romans 5:12)
- Foolish behavior
- Reap what I sow
- Victim of sin of others

2. God's discipline

- Divinely inflicted (Psalm 38:3-4)
- Divine judgment (Jeremiah 11:9-11)
- Correction and restoration (Psalm 119:67,71)
- Discipline for holiness (Hebrews 12:5-11)

3. Warning to others

- For our instruction (1Cor 10:11)
- Annanias & Saphira (Acts 5:1-11)

4. Guidance

- Persecution spread the gospel (Acts 8:1,4)
- Jonah put back on track (Jonah 3:3)

5. Persecution

- Godly life (1 Tim 3:12)
- For righteousness (Matthew 5:10-12)

6. The hand of the Divine Potter

- To teach me to dependence on God (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- To make me more Christ-like (Romans 8:28)
- To build my faith (James 1:2-3)
- To prepare me to help others (2Cor 1:3-4)

7. The Glory of God / God's sovereign purpose

- Lazarus (John 11:4)

VI. What can learn from Job?

1. Love God because He is God, not for what He does for you.

2. Keep your heart right before God

Keep your _____ in the midst of affliction

Search your heart for _____

Ask God to reveal any _____

3. Humble yourself: Acknowledge your sinfulness and God's perfect holiness

I cannot understand God's purposes

Job 19:25 I know that _____ lives

4. Let God vindicate you if He chooses

5. Trust in God's goodness, but accept His sovereign purpose in your life

Job 13:15

James 5:11

1 Peter 4:19