

Sermon Outlines

Satan and Job

Subject: Job, the man of patience

Readings: Job 1:1-12

1) **Introduction**

- a) The book of Job has one of the best known Biblical experiences by any man. Unknown to Job, the Lord was permitting Satan to test his devotion to God. The question to be decided was:
- i) “Does Job fear God because of what he gets in this life or does He love God, no matter what happens?”
 - ii) “If all was to be taken from him, would he give up devotion to God and view life as not worth living for all had been lost?”
 - iii) Why does God permit storms, emotional, financial, health-wise bringing humanly speaking, devastation to the individuals life?
 - iv) What is the purpose of life if God can permit Satan to:
 1. Cause heartache by the sudden deaths of all my children?
 2. Cause hardship by the loss of all that I have?
 3. Cause such physical affliction that I am visually obnoxious?

2) **Message**

- a) Job the man:
- i) His character: “perfect and upright . . . feared God and eschewed evil” (Job 1:1).
 - ii) His family: He and his wife had seven sons and three daughters all adults (Job 1:2, 4, 18). I am not sure if his daughters were killed for the brothers and sisters were eating and drinking but there is no mention of the sisters being killed (Job 1:18-19).
 - iii) His possessions (Job 1:3, 13-19).
 - iv) His reputation: He was the greatest of all the men of the East (Job 1:3).
 - v) His friends: Eliphaz, Zophar, Bildad (Job 2:11) and later Elihu (Job 32:2).
 - vi) His enemy: Satan, but curtailed by God (Job 1:10-11; 2:1, 7) for God put limits on what Satan could do (v. 6).
 1. Those who Satan was interested in:
 - (a) Eve, a housewife (Gen. 3:1-6).
 - (b) Joshua, a man about to be saved, made a priest (Zech. 3:1-4).
 - (c) David, a saint away from God (1 Chron. 21:1).
 - (d) Job, a God fearing business man (Job 1:9-11).
 - (e) Judas, the man who betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver then hated it, a man who would never be saved (Jn. 13:27).
 - (f) Peter, a saint put on the spot, under pressure (Lk. 22:31).
 - (g) Paul, an evangelist and Bible teacher (2 Cor. 12:7).
 - (h) Christ, the Son of God (Matt. 4:1-10).
 - (i) Ananias and Sapphira, a married couple wanting to make a good impression (Acts 5:1-10).
 - (j) The man of sin, an intellectual giant (Rev. 13:2).
 - vii) His prayer life - Job knew how to seek God:
 1. Restrained prayer (Job 15:4)
 2. Purity of prayer (Job 16:17)
 3. Empty prayer (Job 21:15)
 4. Profitable prayer (Job 22:27)
 5. Blessedness of prayer (Job 33:26)
 6. Interceding prayer (Job 42:8)
 7. Emancipating prayer (Job 42:10)

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3) **His Patience**

- a) His faith was strained for he had:
 - i) Sustained opposition from Satan (Job 1:6-2:7)
 - ii) Matrimonial opposition out of love from his wife (Job 2:9)
 - iii) Fraternal opposition from his friends (Job 4:1-37:24)
- b) His patience and faithfulness to God became an illustration (Jam. 5:11)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

Rowan Jennings, Abbotsford, British Columbia