

Job 1:1-22

3 Considerations Of Suffering And The Sovereignty Of God



Context

- Book compiled/written during reign of King Solomon (970 BC); events take place during time of patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)
- Major Themes; suffering, reasons for serving Jesus, who defines what is “good”?
- Last week; Job’s prominent position: he wealthy, healthy, godly and good
- Also: there was an eternal perspective connected to Job’s life; the spiritual realm conversation had an impact on his life

Assurance Of Supreme Protection

- (v. 12) Satan under total control of God's authority; he had to receive permission to touch Job's life
- God completely in control and limited/restrained Satan and his influence
- Satan is powerful; God is ALL-powerful
- God protects His people; He aware of every pain and hurt
- Anything that enters our lives, must have God's permission

- Is. 43:2, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.”



Universal Pain Of Real Life

- (vv.13-19) Verses reminder; we live in broken, sinful world; we all have sin nature
- Life is hard, unfair because of sin
- Job's life experiences this; hit with 4 disasters that he learns about in one day
- Donkeys taken (Sabeans) servants killed; fire of God falls from heaven, burned sheep and servants, camels stolen and servants killed (Chaldeans); all children killed by wind toppling house
- Job hit with trouble and trauma of real life; scarred forever

- Ps. 90:10, “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.”



Responding With Faith

- (vv.20-22) See amazing response from Job; one of faith; even though intense grief, trusts in relationship with Lord
- Job, worshipped God and had faith-filled confession; proclaimed that God's way is always best
- Job accepted God's will even though didn't understand or know about heavenly conversations
- Did Job serve God just for blessings? NO!

- 1 Peter 1:6-7, “In this you greatly rejoice though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,...”



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