

Job 1:1-22

Considerations Of Suffering And The
Sovereignty Of God



“Only God Knows Why...” by Kid Rock

- “I’ve been sittin’ here, tryin’ to find myself, I get behind myself, I need to rewind myself...”
- I take too many pills it helps to ease the pain, I made a couple dollar bills, but I still feel the same....
- I guess that’s the price you pay, to be some bigshot like I am, outstretched hands and one night stands, still I can’t find love...
- Only God knows why, why, why...
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Context

- Book of Job: Wisdom literature; author is unknown but events take place in time of patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)
- Written to Jewish people during reign of Solomon (970 BC)
- Major Themes; reality of suffering, motives for following God, should believers expect from God only that which the world defines as “good”
- Job 1:1-5; see Job’s position (faith, fortune, and family)

Remembering The Eternal Perspective

- (vv.6-11) After Job intro, spiritual realm revealed; eternal dimension opened for us
- “sons of God” – heavenly beings gathered before God for His kingdom purpose
- God always working and accomplishing; Here calls council and Satan allowed to attend
- “Satan” – “Adversary, Accuser” God’s chief enemy; now resides on earth and spiritual realm; not ugly red with horns and pitchfork
- Satan accuses; Job only follows God because of blessings

- Habakkuk 1:1-5, (Summary) “The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw...(v.1)
- “O Lord, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear?” (v.2) “Look among the nations and watch—be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.” (v.5)



GOD'S WAYS
ALWAYS HIGHER THAN OURS!

Assurance Of Supreme Protection

- (v.12) Very important: Satan under total authority of God; had to receive permission from God to touch one hair on Job's head
- God limited and restrained Satan and he obeyed; had to submit to God's parameters and will
- Anything that enters our lives must come either by the action of God or His permission
- If it comes, there must be a God-ordained purpose connected to it

- Isaiah 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.”

