

Job 2:1-10

Distinctions Of God That Support Us In
Difficult Times



Background

- Book of Job: for believers, suffering always has purpose
- We often don't and can't understand God's ways, but we apply faith
- Chapter 2: Trials of Job continue; God allows intense physical pain but He is in complete control
- In this second time of testing, God reveals some distinctions about Himself
- 2 weeks ago: God is always perfect and right

God Controls And Uses Evil

- (vv.4-8) Goodness of God contrasted with extreme evil of Satan
- Satan responds to God's confrontation; doesn't consider his own evil; points accusation at Job
- Responds; Job just hasn't suffered enough; afflict his body and he will revile You
- "skin for skin" – Lit. "when faced with pain, most will give someone else's "skin" to save their own"
- Job afflicted with terrible ulcerous boils from head to toe

Joseph, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...” Genesis 50:20



God Allows Suffering For A Reason

- (vv.9-10) Job shows godly character; he devastated, but still acting in faith
- Job's wife questions Job, "Are you still persisting in your blamelessness?" "Surely you have hidden wickedness!" Curse God and die
- Job doesn't rebuke his wife; he says her WORDS are foolish, not that she is
- Job: we accept the good days from God, why not the bad; the type of day doesn't change who God is

- Habakkuk 1:5-11, God relays His plan to use the evil Babylonians to achieve His purpose (moving Judah to repentance)
- Jesus suffered on the Cross (though innocent) to accomplish the purpose of God
- That purpose was the salvation of all mankind

