

The Book of Job
Lesson 3 “Does Job Fear God for Naught?”

Job 2:10 (NKJV) *But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

God’s Servant, Job

Luke 22:25-27 *And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.*

Why do you serve the Lord? Suppose your motives aren’t perfect. If you had to wait until your motives were perfect (if they aren’t), what might happen to you and your faith? What’s in it for me?
Matthew 19:27 (NKJV) *Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”*

A Hedge Around Job

Job 1:10 (NKJV) *Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.*

Who, in the end, is Satan really attacking? God!

Psalm 91:11, 12 *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

Psalms 34:7 *The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*

***2 Kings 6:17** *And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

Skin for Skin: The Battle Continues

Job 2:1-3 *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. And the Lord said unto Satan, From*

whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Cloud of witnesses

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV) *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

1 Corinthians 4:9. *For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.*

Daniel 7:10 *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

***Job 2:4, 5** *And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.*

Judges 1:24–25 (NKJV) *And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, “Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy.”²⁵ So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go.*

1 Samuel 30:15 (NKJV) *And David said to him, “Can you take me down to this troop?” So he said, “Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop.”*

Something of truth there is in this, that self-love and self-preservation are very powerful commanding principles in the hearts of men. Men love themselves better than their nearest relations, even their children, that are parts of themselves, will not only venture, but give, their estates to save their lives.

When martyrs were tortured they might say anything.

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Job 1:21 *And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.*

Psalms 113:1–3 (NKJV) *Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Isaiah 39:8 (NKJV) *So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!" For he said, "At least there will be peace and truth in my days."*

Job 2:10 *But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this [did not Job sin with his lips](#).*

Isaiah 6:5 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."*

***Matthew 15:8** (NKJV) *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

All Have Sinned

Job 5:7 (NKJV) *Yet man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.*

Romans 3:12 (NKJV) *They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."*

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Galatians 3:22* (NKJV) *But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.*

Psalms 40:12 (NKJV) *For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.*

Mark 10:18 *And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.***

Witnessing through trial.

Adam and Eve, sinless beings amid a true paradise, transgressed and fell into sin because of Satan's attack; Job, amid utter pain and tragedy and ruin, stayed faithful to the Lord despite Satan's attacks. In both cases, we have a powerful example.

Job's Wife

Philippians 4:11–13 (NKJV) *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

***Luke 17:2** (NKJV) *It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV) *Therefore comfort (encourage) each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

1 Corinthians 8:12-13 *But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.*

Obedience Unto Death

Job 1:22 (NKJV) *In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*

1 John 1:10 (NKJV) *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV) *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*