

Job - Part 2

The great controversy

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: The great controversy

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

- 1) The blessings of heaven in a sin-scarred world
 - a) Job 1:1-3 What indications do you see that Job was greatly blessed by God?
 - b) Psalm 92:1-2 How has God blessed you?
 - c) Job 1:4-5 In spite of all these blessings, what danger still existed for Job's children and all of us?
 - d) How did Job respond? (See Gen. 22:8,13-14)
- 2) The cosmic conflict
 - a) Job 1:6-12; Job 2:1-6
 - b) Who is Satan? What is his history prior to walking to and fro on planet earth?
 - i) Revelation 12:7-9
 - ii) Isaiah 14:12-14
 - iii) Ezekiel 28:12-16
 - iv) Where else in Scripture do we find clear references to Satan and the evil angels who joined with him in his rebellion against God?
 - c) Why does the LORD allow Satan to participate in this council even though he is in open rebellion against the kingdom of heaven?
 - d) What can we learn both about the character of God and the character of Satan from these interactions at the heavenly council?
 - e) What other insights can we glean from this inspired account of a heavenly council?
- 3) The conflict on planet earth
 - a) Job 1:13-22
 - b) Job 2:7
 - c) Does Satan attack everyone on planet earth or was Job a special target?
 - i) 1 Peter 5:8-9
 - ii) Ephesians 6:10-12
 - d) Share some other examples of individuals who were attacked by Satan and his evil forces.
 - e) If Satan is such a menace to people on planet earth, why didn't God destroy him as soon as the rebellion began?
 - f) What lessons can we learn from Jesus when He was attacked by Satan? Matthew 4:1-11
 - g) Jesus has promised to deliver His followers from the evil one. John 16:33; John 17:15; Matthew 6:13
 - h) Share a time when you were overcome by the enemy. How did you experience deliverance?
- 4) Satan's ultimate defeat
 - a) John 12:31-32
 - b) Revelation 12:10-12
 - c) Hebrews 2:14
 - d) Romans 16:20
 - e) Why is it always important to remember this is God's victory and not ours?