

Job – Part 3

Does Job fear God for nothing?

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: Does Job fear God for nothing?

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

- 1) God's servant Job
 - a) Job 1:1-5
 - b) What impresses you the most about Job from this brief introduction?
 - c) Is Job aware of the hedge of protection described in Job 1:10? (See also Psalm 34:8)
- 2) Satan's accusation
 - a) Job 1:6-11 What is Satan's accusation?
 - b) What are some of the motives people might have for serving God?
 - c) How can I know if I'm serving God out of love rather than from selfish motives? Psalm 139:23-24
- 3) The LORD's response
 - a) Job 1:12 – That doesn't seem fair. How can a loving God permit Satan to attack someone who has prayed for protection?
 - b) Share a time when you suffered a terrible loss and struggled to understand why God allowed it to happen to you.
- 4) Satan's murderous character revealed
 - a) John 8:44 – How does Jesus describe Satan?
 - b) Job 1:13-19 – Some would describe these events as *acts of God*. How do we know that Satan is at work here?
 - c) Job 2:1-7 – Satan's character exposed again
 - d) How can we help people understand the true character of God and expose Satan's lies?
- 5) Job's inspiring testimony
 - a) Job 1:20 – first response (before speaking)
 - b) Job 1:21 – do you agree with Job's observation?
 - c) Job 1:22 – why doesn't Job blame God?
 - d) Share a time when you were tempted to blame God.
- 6) Job's wife
 - a) Job 2:9-10 It's easy to be critical of Job's wife. But reflect for a moment. What trauma had she experienced?
 - b) Is this really Job's wife speaking in Job 2:9 or is this the enemy speaking through her? (Matt 16:21-23)
 - c) How can we help people avoid rash or foolish decisions during times of intense grief?
 - d) What can we learn from Job's response to his wife?
- 7) Faithful unto death
 - a) In some ways, Job's ordeal was worse than death. How can we prepare now so we will be faithful to God, no matter what trial comes our way? John 16:33; Matt. 4:1-11; Revelation 12:10-11
 - b) Mark 14:32-38 – What important lessons can we learn from the experience of Jesus and His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane?