

# Job—Job 1

## God Lets Satan Test Job

### I. Additional Scriptures...

1. Ezekiel 14:14, 20; James 5:11
2. Job 23:12
3. Job sanctified his sons... Gen 35:2; Ex 19:10; 1 Sam 16:5; Neh 12:30; Jn 11:55
4. Compare Job 1:21 with: Eccl 5:15; 12:7; 1 Tim 6:7; Js 1:17

### II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Patriarchy.** The third of the fifteen Bible Periods.

### III. Summary.

The wonderful treatise about human suffering begins with the simple fact that there was a man named Job. The qualities ascribed to Job are qualities that seem, at first glance, greatly extraordinary and exceptional, but when we examine them a little more closely, they are the qualities that the Lord expects of all men. Job was a great man, but he can also be described with the simple word FAITHFUL, and this is what God has always expected of all men. No man will ever be tested in the same way that Job was tested, but it is an interesting experience to read about Job and how he dealt with the sore trials placed upon him. Job had seven sons and three daughters. He had been greatly blessed by the Lord with camels, oxen, asses, and a very great household.

Occasionally his sons feasted and they rotated hosting of these feasts. On such days Job would ceremonially cleanse or sanctify them, offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all. Job did this because of his fear that the sons would have committed some sin before God.

There was a time when Satan was present and God asked Satan some questions. God asked Satan if he had considered His servant Job. Satan suggested to the Lord that the only reason Job was faithful was because of the HEDGE God had planted around him to protect him. God allowed Satan to do whatever he would with Job so long as he did not touch his person.

A series of disasters began to be reported to Job. At the conclusion of the four cycles, Job had lost just about all that he had, including his children. Job tore his clothing, shaved his head, and fell down to the ground to worship God. His statement was: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: blessed be the name of the Lord." He did not charge God foolishly.

### IV. Outline.

1. There was a faithful man named Job (Job 1:1).
2. Job was richly blessed by the Lord (Job 1:2-3).
3. Job's family got together often and Job had concern for their spirituality (Job 1:4-5).
4. God talks to Satan (Job 1:6-8).
5. Satan challenges the credibility of Job's faithfulness (Job 1:9-11).
6. God allows Satan to test Job with limits (Job 1:12).

7. Four waves of exceedingly bad news are brought to Job (Job 1:13-19).
8. Job’s response to the disasters (Job 1:20-22).

**V. Questions.**

**True or False**

01. \_\_\_\_\_ All of the misfortune Job suffered caused him to curse God.
02. \_\_\_\_\_ Job cared about his sons’ relationship to God.
03. \_\_\_\_\_ “While he was yet speaking” is repeated three times in this chapter.
04. \_\_\_\_\_ Satan uses the word HEDGE in a figurative way.
05. \_\_\_\_\_ The oxen and asses were the first possessions to be reported lost to Job.

**Who Am I? Who Said It? Who Did it?**

06. \_\_\_\_\_ Sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.
07. \_\_\_\_\_ “Doth Job fear God for nought?”
08. \_\_\_\_\_ Took Job’s oxen and asses.
09. \_\_\_\_\_ Carried away the camels belonging to Job.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Rent his mantle and shaved his head.

**Fill in the Blanks**

11. “... Behold, all that he hath is in thy \_\_\_\_\_ only upon \_\_\_\_\_ put not forth thine hand...”
12. Ezekiel \_\_\_\_:14... “Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and \_\_\_\_\_, were in it, they should \_\_\_\_\_ but their own \_\_\_\_\_ by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.”
13. \_\_\_\_\_ 5:11... “... Ye have heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Job...”
14. Job \_\_\_\_:12... “... I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.”
15. 1 Timothy 6:\_\_\_\_ ... “For we brought \_\_\_\_\_ into this world, and it is certain we can \_\_\_\_\_ out.”

*Each Question is worth 7 Points*

**My Score is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers will be found on next week’s handout*

**ANSWERS to Lesson 01-44 ...** [01—False, Gen 8:22; 02—True, Gen 8:3; 03—True, Gen 8:9; 04—True, Gen 8:16,18; 05—True, Gen 8:13; 06—c, Gen 8:4; 07—b, Gen 8:21; 08—b, Gen 8:9; 09—a, Gen 8:5; 10—c, Gen 8:20; 11—raven, waters, dried, Gen 8:7; 12—smite, every, as, I, have, done, Gen 8:21; 13—Genesis, plain, Abraham, overthrow, cities; 14—Ararat, Gen 8:4; 15—sweet, savour, Gen 8:21.]

**VI. Lessons & Applications.**

1. **and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil** (Job 1:1). This description of Job’s character makes him someone we would all like to have met. He does have outstanding qualities! The only reference to him in the New Testament is with regard to his patience (Js 5:11). The two times his name is used in the Book of Ezekiel, the name is cited alongside such famous and respected (among the Jews) men as Noah and Daniel. The point made in the Ezekiel passage is that even such well known men are only going to save themselves by their own faithfulness. The challenge in looking at the character of Job is to make it my own. There is no reason that I cannot live a life like the life Job lived. I have all that I need (2 Pet 1:3) to live a life that can be described in words similar to these words spoken of Job. God has

always expected faithfulness of His people. It was no different in that time than it is

2. His substance was seven sheep... (Job 1:3). It is true that Job had been greatly blessed with tremendous wealth. In our own minds, we need to be careful in

“health and wealth” gospel that is being preached today in some circles. The idea of it is that if you are being faithful to God, then there will be evidence of that fact in the form of physical and material blessings from the Lord. We don’t have to read much

they are doing so on the basis of their own comfort, health, and wealth being a condition of the service. Our Lord had some very exceptional words of praise for John the

11:11). It seems to me that sometimes some of our own brethren get into this a little when they begin talking about the subject of stewardship and the “material” rewards

3. ...Doth Job God for (Job 1:9). That there would be goodness in mankind

1:27) and if we will resist the devil, we will be able to reason correctly and make wise decisions with regard to our relationship to our Creator. Satan thinks differently. He

thought or doing a good deed because he is inherently sinful. Satan would have us to think that the only reason Job has been faithful to the Lord is because of the HEDGE

4. ...only upon put not thine hand... is able to do. In this we see that Satan is not nearly as powerful as God and we ought to be wise to serve God rather than Satan.

And was a when... (Job 1:13-19). What a day! Have you ever heard of such a terrible day as the day described here? Job’s world came tumbling down. Suffering are

of two types: (1) Bitterness; (2) “Betterness.” We can either pull through the sadness

of the bad things that have happened. James tells us to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations (James 1:2-3). James tells us the reason we can count it all joy is

result is PATIENCE. We become better people and better able to handle problems in the future as we remain faithful to the Lord through adversity.

...Naked came out of mother’s womb, naked shall return thither: Lord and the hath taken ; be the of the (Job 1:21).

has just lost it all, but it is absolutely the truth. There must be some greater purpose for my presence upon this earth than stockpiling more and more STUFF. Job knew it well.

the happier we will be.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

Q A Z X S W E D C V F R T G B N H Y U J  
M N B V V E C N A T S B U S X Z L K J H  
G F D C M N B V C X Z L K J H G F F D D  
I K M O O F F E R I N G S M J U U Y E R  
F J V N E D C X S W Q A Z X S W Z T E D  
C O V T F R T G B N H Y U J M K S I O L  
W B S I X C D E R F T V B G T A Y H N M  
A J U N T G B R F C V E D C E X S W E D  
S C V U V F R T E Y H N U F U J C U J M  
S R F A W S X F Q A Z M N B V C A X Z L  
E K J L H G R F D S A P O I U Y M T R E  
S E W L Q E A Z O X E N X C V B E N M L  
K J H Y P G F D S A P O U Y T R L E W Q  
A Z X S W E D C V F R T G B Y H S Y H N  
M J U Y H N B G T R F V C D E W S X Z A  
S Q W S X C D E R F F E A R E D V B T N  
H H H Y U J M N B V C X Z L K J H N G F  
F D E S A S A N C T I F I E D P R I U Y  
T R E E W Q A S D F G H J K L U M N B V  
C X Z A P M N B V C X Z L J B G F D S A

[The highlighted words can be found above.]

**Job 1:1-5 KJV** There was a man in the land of **Uz**, whose name *was* **Job**; and that man was **perfect** and **upright**, and one that **feared** God, and eschewed evil. (2) And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. (3) His **substance** also was seven thousand **sheep**, and three thousand **camels**, and five hundred yoke of **oxen**, and five hundred she **asses**, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. (4) And his sons went and **feasted** *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. (5) And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and **sanctified** them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered **burnt offerings** *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job **continually**.