

When Pain Becomes Personal

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A. Review

- 1. We have learned of Job's Unmistakable Integrity.
- 2. We have learned of Job's Unquestionable Loyalty. (Heart, body, mind, and soul)
- 3. We have learned of Job's Undeniable Prosperity.
- 4. We have learned of Job's Unbelievable Adversity.
- 5. We have learned of Job's Indisputable Obedience.

"Blessed be the Name of The Lord!"

B. Study Section

Job 2:1, NASB - ¹ Again [Here we go again! Now there is another meeting]... ³ The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? [Different tense than Ch. 1; It could be translated, "Are you still thinking about Job?"] For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity [lit., blameless—heart, body, mind, and soul], although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause [Heb. תַּבָּח (hinnam) lit, innocent (eg., underserving of evil]... ⁷ Then Satan went out from the presence of

the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. ⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your <u>integrity</u> [are you still going to be committed to God—heart, body, mind, and soul]? <u>Curse God</u> [Lit, "invoke harm with the intent to kill;" Think: "Maybe there is no God?"] and die!" ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the <u>foolish</u> women speaks [Ps. 14:1, "A fool says in his heart, 'there is no god."]. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

C. Message Section

1. Job's pain becomes personal.

Job 2:7–8, NLT -⁷ So Satan left the LORD's presence, and <u>he struck</u> Job with terrible boils from head to foot. ⁸ Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes.

2. Job's wife becomes foolish.

Job 2:9, TLB - ⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to be godly when God has done all this to you? Curse him and die."

3. Job's theology becomes clear.

Job 2:10, NLT - 10 But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

- Maybe there is no Holy God?
- Maybe there is a god, but he is not all powerful?
- Maybe there is a god, but he is not sympathetic?
- Maybe there really is no pain (ie., good or bad)?
- Maybe God is sovereign—bringing good out of bad!

4. Job's friends become quiet.

Job 2:11–13, NLT - 11 When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. Their names were Eliphaz... Bildad...and Zophar.... 12 When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. 13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.