

THREE MEN AND A REMNANT
LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF NOAH, DANIEL AND JOB



“Three Men and a Remnant: Only the Faithful will Remain”

(Job 1:6-22; 2:3-10)

Suffering can touch our lives at four different levels which often overlap.

- (1) Our physical health can be taken from us, temporarily or permanently.
- (2) Our most important relationships in life may be lost, damaged, or destroyed.
- (3) Our emotional health can be attacked by stress, depression, or a host of other problems.
- (4) Our spiritual lives may be shaken as we fight spiritual battles.

❖ **Job’s Critic: The Devil Working**

SUFFERING OFTEN CAUSES PEOPLE TO FORSAKE GOD!

- God is still in control of our lives, whether we can sense it or not.
- God is aware of every time Satan tries to bring suffering into our lives. Satan can’t touch us unless God allows it.

❖ **Job’s Companion: The Disappointed Wife**

SUFFERING USED AS A REASON TO GIVE UP ON LIFE.

❖ **Job’s Counselors: The Dutiful Words**

SUFFERING IS THOUGHT TO BE A PUNISHMENT FOR SIN.

- Eliphaz told Job, he was suffering because of his sin (Job 4, 5, 15, 22).
- Bildad told Job he would not admit he has sinned, so he is still suffering (Job 8, 18, 25).
- Zophar told Job that he deserved more suffering due to his sin (Job 11, 20).
- Elihu: Suffering is punishment for pride.
 - You are suffering because you have unconfessed sin in your life.
 - Another foolish comment I’ve heard Christians make is: God is not answering your prayers for healing because you do not have enough faith.

❖ **Job’s Considerations: The Difficult Walk**

SUFFERING SOMETIMES HAS NO EXPLANATION.