

## *Part Two: Pulling Back the Veil*

Book reading:

Chapters 2-3

Daily Journaling:

Job 7-12



### **Message verses:**

Job 1:9-12

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." 12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:20-22

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." 22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 13:15

Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.

**Message notes:**

Job is \_\_\_\_\_ to understanding the Old Testament.

God doesn't just want to defeat the devil—He wants to transform evil into \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Job 1:12 with a \_\_\_\_\_.

We can be \_\_\_\_\_ by the devil to interpret things being bad as God is against us.

If God loved us because of what \_\_\_\_\_, He'd never love us.

Every one of us has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

It's because of who God is that Job \_\_\_\_\_ Him, not because of what Job understands.

I trust God even when I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

**Additional notes:**

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### **Discussion Questions:**

How does knowing the challenge that Satan gives change the way that you view this story?

How can we see the difference between God's heart for us versus Satan's heart? Can you see that God has a greater plan for your life than what Satan is trying to do to you?

If God loves us, why does he allow these painful moments in our lives?

Does your understanding of God's love for you revolve around the blessings only? How can you see His love in the midst of trials?

Share a time when you've seen God transform something that the devil meant to use to defeat you.

Have you been able to see Job as an Ugly Priest? How can you become an Ugly Priest for others?

### **Ministry Time:**

It can be easy to slip into a mode of performance where you feel like you have to live a certain way to earn God's love and blessings. Pray for those who have been struggling with this.

As we talk about being Ugly Priests, God may lay specific people on your heart that you can reach out to. Pray for anyone who has a friend or family in mind that they will go be an Ugly Priest to this week.

“Is it possible for God to be loved and worshiped just for Himself? Can God find people to serve Him without having to bribe them? This is the cynical challenge Satan hurls at God, and Job will be ground zero for this challenge. To do this, Satan knows that God must remove the hedge of protection that keeps him from being able to get his filthy hands on Job, which he’s been lusting to do. Whatever the ‘hedge’ is—angels, supernatural force field, or just the wall of God’s commands that say, ‘No trespassing’—they keep us safe. I pray regularly for my family to be kept safe within God’s hedge.”

*JOB: My Ugly Priest, Chapter Two*