

God's Megaphone: Pain and Providence in the Book of Job

The Problem of Pandemics

Job 1–28

The Lord's Day Morning

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The pain and suffering already caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) naturally raises questions that we think we would like to ask of God. Why this? Why now? Why here? Why us? In other words, we want God to explain himself. Many in this season will doubt God's love, ability, knowledge, or even his existence. But these questions are not unique to our generation. Every generation has had to wrestle with these three truths affirmed in Scripture:

1. God is strong. He can do anything he wants to do (omnipotence).
2. God is smart. He knows everything there is to know (omniscience).
3. God is good. He does all things for his glory and our good (benevolence).

But if this is true, then why are there coronaviruses? God gave us the book of Job to help us wrestle with that question. So far in our study we have discovered:

1. History is _____.
2. Life has _____.
3. Everyone has _____.

Note: We began the study of Job on Sunday nights in January of 2020, not knowing then that a global pandemic would cancel our Sunday night services. Now, we are continuing our study of the book of Job on Sunday mornings. To get caught up, you can listen to our Sunday Evening study of Job by going to our website (www.fbc.org) and clicking on "Resources," then click on "Watch and Listen," then click on "God's Megaphone." Also, for the notes handed out at each session, click on "Notes."