

Job 1-2 –13 April 2023

“Satan’s Accusation Against You”

Introduction

*Job lived between Noah’s Flood (4400BC) & Abraham (4000BC)

*We know this based on Job’s lifespan (42:16) & economy (1:3) & him acting as a family priest (1:5)

*NOTE: This is before Israel – Not under Law, but under Creation & Conscious

*Theme of the book: If God is a God of love, then why do righteous people suffer?

Read Vs 1

1. ‘Land of Uz’ – We know from Bible passages that Uz is equated w/ Edom in modern Jordan
2. ‘Perfect’ – in the sense of complete or ‘firing on all cylinders’ - functioning in all areas of life
 - a. Bible & experience teaches none are perfect
 - b. From a human point of view, there’s nothing to blame Job for doing wrong
 - c. Eze 14: Used as a picture of righteousness

3. 'Feared God' - He knew God from oral traditions passed down and from creation itself

Read Vs 2-3

1. So the wealth of Job is recorded
2. Job has prospered spiritually, family & wealth
3. This is important so throughout this book we can contrast the value of 'stuff' verses the value of having a relationship with Jehovah God

Read Vs 4-5

1. Job functions as interceder for his family
 - a. Always ready to avenge sin & potential sin
2. So his dependance on God is active not passive

***In the life of Job, today we'll look at 2 accusations of Satan against Job (as if against all humanity) & Job's 2 responses**

1st false accusation of Satan is that Job only serves God for gifts not the Giver Himself (Chap 1:6-11)

Read Chap 1:6-7

1. ‘Son(s) of God’ always refers to a being that came directly from God
 - a. Ie. Adam, Jesus, angels, & born-again saints
2. How about these angels as Sons of God?
 - a. Job 38:7 – sang/shouted for joy at creation
 - b. Gen 6:1-4 – angels had children w/ women
 - c. They were then bound at tartoros
 - d. Their offspring (men of renown) are the origin of the demons (unclean spirits) that have no body after perishing in the flood
3. Satan isn’t the opposite of God, but an angel
4. Yes Satan has access to heaven now & he’s the god of this world
 - a. Rev 12 describes him being cast out of heaven to the earth just before his defeat

Read Vs 8-11

1. Of all the people in the world, God brings up Job...what a compliment!
2. Satan shows up only 3 times before we see him in his end during the Book of Revelation
 - a. Garden of Eden – Tempts man about God
 - b. Here in Job – Tempts God about man
 - c. Gospels – Tempts the perfect Godman & fails
3. Satan's false accusation is that the reason Job is serving God is b/c of the gifts, not the Giver
 - a. Would we serve God, if He never gave us anything good?
 - b. Just b/c He created us, we own Him, but we have the amazing benefit of knowing He also loves us immensely

1st response of Job is that of worship (Chap 1:12-22)

Read Chap 1:12

1. Satan can only do what God allows
2. God know how to allow sin yet remaining sinless to bring greater glory to Himself

Read Vs 13-17

1. Job's economy & servants slaughtered in three areas by those of Sheba, fire and the Chaldeans
2. Note, Satan puts these attacks into the minds of people AND Satan used fire
 - a. Maybe Satan made condition for fire, but doesn't mean every natural disaster is from Satan
 - b. Maybe Satan put it into someone's mind to start the fire

Read Vs 18-19

1. Going from bad to worse, now his family

Read Vs 20-22

1. Three reactions of Job
 - a. Mourned and worshipped God
 - b. Accepted that he deserves nothing
 - c. Kept from being led of emotionalism
2. Job understands what Jesus said in (Read) Luke 12:15

2nd false accusation of Satan is that Job only cares for himself (Chap 2:1-6)

Read Chap 2:1-3

1. “And still Job holds his integrity”
 - a. Webster’s 1828 – From the root *integer* meaning wholeness or purity throughout – meaning consistent
 - b. “If when squeezed, the same you comes out, then you have integrity” –Dan Shunk
2. Unplanned or spontaneous moments, are when the real you is seen
 - a. These moments are indicators of whether you truly have a new heart or just outward religion

Read Vs 4-6

1. Satan claims Job is callous & is willing to lose his animal’s & even family’s skin to save his own
2. So the Lord gives Satan permission to even take Job’s health
3. Health is what we’re most fearful of losing

2nd response of Job is that of patience (Chap 2:7-10)

Read Chap 2:7-8

1. So this action didn't just hurt physically, it hurt socially & mentally, but didn't have to hurt spiritually
 - a. He had boils that attracted worms & itched
 - b. He was unclean & cast out from friends
 - c. He was mentally stressed considering what's next
 - d. Yet it couldn't touch his safety in the Lord

Read Vs 9-10

1. Job nor his wife were privy to Satan & God's conversation
 - a. Had they, she wouldn't have said this
 - b. Had they, they wouldn't be living by faith
2. Read Jam 5:11 – This is what characterizes Job & should be true of us, that we patiently endure in faith, trusting that God knows what He's doing

And now job's friends come to set up the rest of the book (Chap 2:11-13)

Read Chap 2:11

1. These 3 men were from local Edomite towns
2. They must have been well known men of their own right to be friends w/ “greatest man of the east”

Read Vs 12-13

1. Just the presence of a friend is often the most important thing needed during mourning

Conclusion

How does your faith stand against same accusations?

1. **You serving only for the gifts, not the Giver?**
2. **Or do you respond like Job in worship & humility?**
3. **You serving only if it doesn't hurt? (Health)**
4. **Or do you respond like Job w/ patience & trust?**