I. We Learn of Job's Character (1)

- A. His integrity "There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless {blameless, sound, complete} and upright {straightforward, level, right}..."
- B. His spirituality "...one who feared God..."
- C. His morality "...and turned away from evil."

II. Job's Special Comforts (2-5)

- A. His family (2) "There were born to him seven sons and three daughters."
- B. His fortune (3a) "He possessed 7,000 sheep {wool}, 3,000 camels {transportation}, 500 yoke of oxen {farming}, 500 female donkeys {delicacy of milk}, and very many servants {employees}..."
- C. His fame (3b) "...so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east."
- D. His faithfulness (4-5) "His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually."

 He was a faithful priest to his children, interceding for them in case of their sin

III. Job's Sudden Catastrophe (13-19)

- A. The timing of his trouble (13) "Now there was a day...."
- B. The torrent of his trouble (14-19)
 - 1. Your wealth has been stolen (14-15a) "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them..."
 - 2. Your employees have been murdered (15b) "...and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."
 - 3. Natural disaster strikes you (16) "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."
 - 4. Your enemies have overcome you (17) "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."
 - 5. All 10 of your children have been killed (18-19) "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

IV. Job's Sublime Confession (20-22)

- A. We feel his devastation (20a) "Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head..."
- B. We behold his submission (20b) "...and fell on the ground and worshiped."
- C. We hear his conclusion (21a) "And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong."