

Job Part 1 HANDOUT

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Most Christians look at this book when going through a difficult time / trial.

This book is so much more. This book is about the **meaning of life** - the reason why you exist.

JOB 1:5 - 5 When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

KEY: Job 1 answers the question, when we're going through trials, "**Is God punishing me right now?**"

JOB 1:6-8 One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." **8** Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

If your life is right before God, then ***maybe you might be going through a Job moment***...where something is going on that I don't understand.

JOB 1:9-11 - "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 now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The book of Job shows us that there is a bigger thing going on behind the scenes. God and Satan are in this battle. There is an ongoing battle. Satan is asking permission to strike Job with trials.

JOB 1:12 - The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

The next scenes that unfold in this chapter would really be our worst nightmare...

JOB 1:13-19 - Job loses all his possessions, his children...

JOB 1:20-22 - ²⁰ 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.

KEY: Job has a sense of humility as he recognizes that God's work is centered on His glory, not ours.

Through this response...God is glorified.

KEY: We do not have to understand our circumstances in order to trust God's sovereignty.

There is something bigger going on. Job teaches us to live life with the reality that we are being watched right now. God is looking at our heart. In every situation. There is a battle going on and I am somehow part of it.

KEY: It's not about my circumstances, it's how I respond to my circumstances.

POINT: When difficulties and tragedies come, we can respond in faith because we know that God is sovereign.