

Passage: Job 1-14

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Discovered:

- Job was a blameless & upright man, he feared God & turned away from evil.
- At Satan's urging, God took away His hedge of protection so Satan could test Job - only he could not harm Job.
- Satan took away his oxen, donkeys, sheep, camels, servants & all of his children in one fell swoop.
↳ Job tore his robe & worshipped the Lord.
- Satan appears before God again. God: He still holds onto his integrity. Satan: Man will do all sorts of things for their life. God: You may do as you wish, only do not take his life.
- Job was given sores from head to toe, even his wife told him to curse God & die.
- 3 of Job's friends came to visit: Eliphaz, Bildad, & Zophar, they did not recognize him. They tore their robes & mourned in silence for 7 days & nights.
- When Job finally spoke, he cursed the day he was born.
- Eliphaz: You have offered strength to many before - where now is your strength? Why are you so impatient?
Seek God!
- Job: I would not complain if I did not have anything to complain about. What hope is there? My friends are no help to me, they offer no comfort. Did I commit a sin? Why have I been chosen to suffer?
- Bildad: You need to seek God, for if you are upright, He will restore you.
Repent of your sin, your children likely got what they deserved, death.
- Job: God is mighty, how do I compare to Him? There is no one to go to but for me.
- Job: Lord, you made me, loved me. Why am I here? What have I done to deserve this?
- Zophar: foolish man! God is wise. God gives you less than you deserve.
If you repent, God will surely bless you.
- Job: Mocking - my friends have all the wisdom, they laugh at me, an upright man.
The Lord gives & He takes away. Regardless, be quiet, let me speak.
I will present my case for I am blameless.
↳ Despite what I know, everything you have said, even when everything is wrong. I WILL HOPE IN HIM! (even in death)
↳ Life is short, man's days are numbered, if I die, I would wait faithfully until my renewal. (life after death)

Help me to remember:

While some of our trials may be a result of consequences of our sin, that does not always apply.

Lord, I ask that

I am more considerate when a friend is in mourning than Job's friends were.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for . . .
the hope I have in you.