



The God of the Whirl Wind

God's Supremacy in Job's Trials

Part Two: The Supremacy of God

Job 1:6-22

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Job 6-12 Lucifer is God's Satan

1. The Omniscient Lord was seated upon His throne. (Ps. 93; Isa.6; Rev. 4)
 - Satan appeared before the Lord on the appointed day. (Job 38:7; I Tim. 5:21; Heb.; Lk. 4:34;8:28; Jn. 12:31; 16:11)
 - He is Lucifer, the fallen cherub. (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17)
 - He is the Serpent of old. (Gen. 3; Rev. 20:2)
 - He is Satan, the accuser of the saints. (Zech. 3:1,2; Rev. 12:9)
 - He is Prince of the power of the air. (Eph. 2:2; I Jn. 5:19; 2 Cor. 11:4)
 - The Lord questioned Satan's walk. "From where do you come?"
 - Satan said, "From roaming about on the earth..." (Zech.1:10; 4:10; Lk. 22:3; I Pet. 5:8)
 - The Lord asked, "Have you considered My servant Job?" (Job 1:1)
2. The Sovereign Lord limited Satan's power over Job.
 - Satan slandered God and Job. "Does Job fear God for nothing?"
 - "Have you not made a hedge about him ... and that all he has on every side?"
 - "You have blessed the work of his hands ..."
 - Satan challenged God's delight in Job and Job's delight in God.
 - "But put forth Your hand and touch all he has ..."
 - "... he will surely curse You to Your face."

- The Lord limited Satan's power over Job. (Heb. 12:5-11; I Cor. 10:12,13)

Job 1:13-22 Satan's Enmity Accomplishes God's Holy Purposes

1. Satan repeatedly struck Job's family on their appointed day. (Job 1: 4, 5)
 - He twice used the intents of evil men to rob and kill.
 - He twice used the power of nature to consume and kill.
 - "Lightning from the sky."
 - "... and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness ..."
2. Job's faith was tested and proved in adversity. (Job 1:20-22)
 - He grieved the loss of his possession and children. (Jn. 11:35)
 - He worshiped the Lord in humble acceptance of God's providence.
 - "Naked I came from my mother's womb ..."
 - "And naked I shall return there (dust of the ground)."
 - "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away." (Ps. 49:17; I Tim. 6;7; Eccl. 5:13-16)
 - He blessed the name of the Lord. (Ps. 34:1; 103:1,19-22)
3. Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. (Ps. 31:23,24; Phil. 4:11,12)

Questions for Further Discussion and Discovery

1. What important truth was Martin Luther making when he said, "The Devil is God's Devil"?
2. How are we to avoid either of the following extremes?
 - Underestimating Satan's power and becoming vulnerable to his ways
 - Overestimating Satan's power and becoming intimidated by his ways
3. If Satan is the "accuser" or "slander" of the righteous, when does he seem to work his hardest on you?
4. Do you think you or other Christians tend to measure their love and devotion to the Lord on the condition that he keeps bestowing good things on them?
5. If God allowed Satan to enter the hedge around Job, do you think he has been given that freedom before in your life? If so what was it like? Why do you think he was there?
6. Why is I Corinthians 10:12,13 comforting to you when God is chastening your life like that mentioned in Hebrews 12:5-11?
7. What in your life might approximate Job's grief? How did you handle it?
8. If no man takes anything with him when he dies, how are we to understand wealth and prosperity? (See Eccl. 5:13-15; Ps. 49:17)
9. How are we to learn contentment in prosperity? Is this something best learned in adversity?
10. What praise can you give today for the things God has done for you?

Next Sunday: The Goodness of God - Job 2:1-10