

Part 6 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

Luke 13:1-5 1 At that time some people who were present there told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

2 He said to them in reply, “**Do you think** that because these Galileans **suffered in this way they were greater sinners** than all other Galileans?

3 **By no means! But I tell you, IF you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!**

4 Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—**do you think they were more guilty than everyone else** who lived in Jerusalem? 5 **By no means! But I tell you, IF you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”**

*“**The Book of Job**, book of Hebrew *scripture* that is often counted among the masterpieces of world literature. It is found in the third section of the biblical *canon* known as the *Ketuvim* (“Writings”). The book’s theme is the eternal problem of unmerited suffering, and it is named after its central character, Job, who attempts to understand the sufferings that engulf him.*

The Book of Job may be divided into two sections of prose narrative, consisting of a prologue (chapters 1–2) and an epilogue (chapter 42:7–17), and intervening poetic disputation (chapters 3–42:6). The prose narratives date to before the 6th century BCE, and the poetry has been dated between the 6th and the 4th century BCE. C

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Job 1:1-22

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was **blameless, upright, fearing God, and turning away from evil.**

² And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

³ His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; **and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east.**

⁴ And 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 it came about, when the days of feasting had completed their cycle, that Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, **and Satan also came among them.**

⁷ And the **LORD said to Satan**, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

⁸ And the **LORD said to Satan**, "Have you considered My servant Job? **For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.**"

⁹ Then Satan answered the LORD, "**Does Job fear God for nothing?**

¹⁰ "Hast Thou **not made a hedge about him** and his house and all that he has, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

¹¹ "But put forth **Thy hand now and touch all that he has**; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."

¹² Then the **LORD said to Satan**, "Behold, **all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.**" So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

¹³ **Now it happened on the day** when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁴ that a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,

¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Now I want you to note the first 5 words in the next 3 verses as they are significant.

¹⁶ **While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, "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."

¹⁷ **While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁸ **While he was still speaking**, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, **and it fell on the young people and they died**; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, **and he fell to the ground and worshiped.**

21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.**"

22 **Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.**