

The Suffering of Job / Study Questions

I. Was Job righteous? (Job 1:1).

II. Is God sovereign? (Job 1:8, 2:3).

III. Did Satan have to have God's permission to attack Job? (Job 1:10, 12; 2:6)

IV. Did Job do something wrong for Satan to attack him? (Job 1:22; 2:3, 10)

V. Does Satan have to have an open door for him to attack Believers?

(John 10:10, Luke 22:31-32, Psalms 34:19, I Peter 1:7; 5:8).

VI. What did Job's three friends accuse him of? (Job 4:7, Psalms 37:25, John 9:2-3, 19:2, 16:3, 32:3).

VII. Did Job pass the test?

A. Initially? (Job 2:10; 13:15, 19:25)

B. Later? (Job 3:1-4; 1:5; 3:25-26, Psalm 56:3; 23:4; Job 27:2; 34:5-6; 35:1-3, Psalm 73:16).

VIII. Why did Elihu the good counselor confront Job? (Job 32:2; 34:18-19, 34-37; 35:1-3).

IX. How did God confront Job? (Job 38:1- 41:34).

X. What was Job's responses?

A. Initially? (Job 40:5).

B. Further response? (Job 42:1-6).

C. End response? (Job 42:10, Ezekiel 14:14).

XI. How did God response to Job after he repented? (Job 42:10, James 5:11).

XII. What are some concluding thoughts?

A. Do we open the door to Satan? (John 5:14, Ephesians 4:27, Matthew 18:34-35).

B. Can suffering come simply as a test to our faith? (I Peter 4:12).

C. How can we know the difference?

1. Through the _____ of God. (II Timothy 2:15, Job 23:12).

2. Through _____. (James 1:5, Psalms 139:23-24).

3. Through the _____ and _____ of others.
(Job 32:2, Proverbs 27:6; 11:14).

D. What is the purpose in our suffering? (I Peter 1:7, II Peter 2:9).

E. What happens when the testing is complete and we are faithful?

1. Can we receive any benefit from our suffering? (Psalms 119:71, Job 42:10, Daniel 4:36).

2. Can our suffering benefit other? (II Corinthians 1:3-5).

XIII. Some underlying questions?

A. Is God righteous? (Job 34:17).

B. Does God tempt anyone to sin? (James 1:14, Matthew 4:3).

C. Is there a limit to God's sovereignty? (Job 34:10).

D. Does God always provide a way of escape when we are tempted?
(I Corinthians 10:13).

E. Can God work all things together for the Believer's good? (Romans 8:28).

XIV. Is the book of Job more about Job or more about God?

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