

The Book of Job #3

I. First Notice the Conference in Heaven (Verses 6 - 12)

- A. Some think that the book is historical – this conference isn't
 - 1. They think it isn't consistent with high view of God – I Kings 22:19-23
- B. Verse 6- Phrase “Sons of God” means various things in Scripture
 - 1. Men, Angels, Christ – Here obviously angels- Job 38:6, 7
- C. Verse 7- “To and fro”- word indicates going around to take census
 - 1. Daniel 12:4; Zechariah 12:10
- D. Verse 8 – God asks Satan whether he has considered Job
 - 1. Calls him “My servant” – and names him - Exodus 33:12; John 10:3
 - 2. Those whom He calls by name He does not forsake – Heb. 13:5
- E. Verse 9 - This is a question that we must ask of ourselves
 - 1. Important to know the reason that we serve God – not selfish
 - 2. God could have asked this about Satan-he had more than Job
 - 3. Satan's way of getting disciples is by offering things- Matt. 4:8, 9
- F. Verse 10 – Hebrew indicates “A hedge of thorns”
 - 1. Goods not just increased but increased exceedingly – Proverbs 3:10
- G. Verse 12 – God sets bounds – Not to touch Job's person
 - 1. Accusation was that Job served God because of possessions

II. Then Let us Notice the Character of Satan (Verses 13-19)

- A. Name “satan” literally means “The adversary” – One who opposes
 - 1. I Chronicles 21:1 – Zechariah 3:1, 2 – since fall – Genesis 3:15
 - 2. Opposes all who are on God's side – I Peter 5:8
 - 3. People who oppose Christians of like nature-John 8:44; Acts 13:10
- B. He is also seen as the accuser – 1:9, 10 with Revelation 12:10
 - 1. When we think evil of others we are like him – I Cor. 13:
- C. In his opposition we see his great cruelty – Verses 13 – 19
 - 1. Saved the death of children till last- Chooses day of joy
- D. Satan is particularly concerned with the saints of God
 - 1. Ungodly are already captive – 2 Timothy 2:26
- E. V. 9 -Satan is willing to judge Job's motives which he can't know
 - 1. When we judge people's motives we are like Satan – Matt. 7:1
- F. He is wise, but a being who is not at rest – Matthew 12:43

III. The Notice God's Providence and Job's Response (Verses 20-22)

- A. All Satan is able to do – He can only do because God permits it
- B. He uses 2 things against Job – Forces of Nature & people
 - 1. People's enmity kept in check by God's restraining grace
- C. See God's providence in order of temptation- Body is last
- D. Confesses he will leave earth same way he came in – v. 21
- E. Job doesn't say anything about 2nd causes in his response
 - 1. Doesn't speak against nature or against the people
 - 2. We are prone to anger against those second causes
- F. Verse 21 – Job gives lie to Satan's accusations against him
 - 1. Said he would curse God – Job blessed God
- G. Job realized God had greater interest in Job than Job had
 - 1. Romans 8:28 – Jeremiah 29:11