

“The Story of Job”

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Making Sense of Chaos

Job 1:13-22 (ESV)

¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁴ and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁶ While he was yet speaking, there came another 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 yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Why do God's Children Suffer?

1. This is never _____ in the story of Job.
2. Job now _____ God (42:5).
3. Job knows his own _____ (40:4; 42:6).
4. Job knows God _____ (42:2).
5. Job knows God's work is too _____
_____ for him to fully understand (37:3; 42:3).
6. It was _____ that Job saw
_____ (42:5)!

Putting it all Together:

1. We can _____ in times of hardship.
2. We can _____ our _____.
3. We can trust _____.
4. Our pain and suffering _____.
5. We can worship God in the middle of our _____
_____ and _____ (1:20)!