



“The Calm before the Storm”

Job 1:1-5 - August 30, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been perplexed to see a devout follower of Jesus experience hardship and suffering that seemed unfair?

QUICK REVIEW

The book of Job tells the story of the suffering of a godly man. Unbeknownst to Job (and his friends), God held him forth in heaven as a man exemplary of genuine faith. In Job 1-2, we are given a “behind the scenes” perspective on the life of Job and the severe trials he underwent. What we learn about Job here sheds light on the dialogue that occurs in the many chapters that follow.

Read Job 1:1-5

Four questions to get oriented to the book of Job:

1. What kind of _____ do we live in?
2. What kind of _____ are we to be?
3. What kind of _____ do we have?
4. What kind of man was Job?
 - a. Job was _____ (1:1).
 - b. Job was _____ (1:1).
 - c. Job was _____ (1:1).
 - d. Job was _____ (1:1).
 - e. Job was _____ (1:3).
 - f. Job was _____ (1:4-5).

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job was a godly man. He is described as blameless and upright. Church leaders are to be examples to the body of Christ of that kind of character. Read I Timothy 3:1-13. How is a life of blamelessness (being “above reproach”) described there? What stands out to you as the area(s) you need God’s grace to grow in?
2. Job was a very wealthy man. “He had possession of his possessions, and his possessions did not have possession over him!” Read Job 31:13-28, where Job defends himself in terms of his use of wealth. How can we use our wealth in a way that glorifies God?
3. Job was a man who feared the Lord. Read Romans 1:18-32, which describes a society that has lost the fear of God. How do we see our society described there? Does this give you a heart to shun society or to reach people in society for Jesus? How?
4. Continuing the previous question, how do you see yourself described in those verses? Where have you lost the fear of the Lord? Where must you cry out to God for forgiveness and sensitivity toward sin?
5. Job was a man vitally concerned for his children. He made sacrifices for them, as they watched, multiple times a year. He did this in an ongoing way. How can we instruct our children in the fear of the Lord? How can we continually point them to the ultimate sacrifice, the atonement provided by Jesus?