



“The Anguish of Obedience”

Job 2:11-3:26 – September 20, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever found yourself shocked at the altered appearance of someone you know and love? Or perhaps a public figure more widely known? What happened?

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. Moving into the end of chapter 2 and into chapter 3, we see the toll this took on Job’s physical, emotional and spiritual state.

Read Job 2:11-3:26

The “anguish of obedience” is revealed in two ways:

1. The reaction of Job’s _____ (2:11-13)
2. The response of Job’s _____ (3:1-26)
 - a. Job curses the day of his _____ (3:1-10)
 - b. Job complains of his continued _____ (3:11-26)

You may have times when...

- 1) *You see nothing* _____ (3:20).
- 2) *You have no sense of* _____ (3:23).
- 3) *You emit an outpouring of* _____ (3:24).
- 4) *You experience the worst possible* _____ (3:25).
- 5) *You have ongoing* _____ (3:26).

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. Can you think of a season of suffering and anguish you've had? What's the deepest loss or discouragement you've faced in life?
2. Read II Corinthians 1:8-11. How did Paul describe his experience in Asia? How bad did it get? What was the purpose?
3. In your experience of deep anxiety or sorrow, how have you been helped? What's actually come across to you as love and support that was useful?
4. Job chapter 3 is one of lowest points of the Old Testament. But a moment in the New Testament goes much lower still. It was a grave moment that led to a glorious end. Read Matthew 27:45-50. What was happening here? Reflect on these verses to inform your answer: II Corinthians 5:20-6:2; I John 4:9-11.
5. Based on what Jesus said in Matthew 27:46, how does Hebrews 13:5-6 register with you? How can you live by these truths this week?