



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 28, 2024

Sermon Text Job 1:6-22

[6] Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. [7] The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." [8] And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" [9] Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? [10] Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. [11] But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." [12] And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

[13] Now 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.

Discussion Questions

1. Before Job's trial we get a glimpse of a heavenly scene where God shows Himself to be sovereign over His angels, Satan, and His servant Job. What does it mean for God to be sovereign and in control of everything? What does that look like within our universe, our world and in our lives?
2. Is it hopeful or hurtful to know that during your times of trial and suffering, God is sovereign and in control of all things? Explain. What do you think makes the difference between feeling hope or hurt in these situations?

3. Have you ever experienced significant hardship or loss? What was that experience like for you? What was your response? After listening to this sermon, would you have changed your response? If so, how would you have changed it?
4. Job came out of his extreme trial worshiping the Lord because he knew the Lord. What does it mean to know the Lord and how do we know Him? What does it mean and look like to know the Lord in our everyday lives?
5. How does the fact that God sent His Son to die for your sins, help, when we go through extreme times of pain and suffering? What does the Gospel help us to understand about God's sovereignty in the midst of our pain?