

**REVIEW** – Let's remember what we have learned ...

## I. JOB'S CHARACTER vs. 1-5

"There was a man ... whose name was Job, and that man was blameless ..."

"The emphasis on Job's goodness is meant to highlight the fact that there is such a thing as innocent suffering. This means that not all suffering is directly related to a <u>specific</u> sin; it means that some suffering in this world is not directly related to <u>any</u> sin." – **Don Carson** 

**INTRODUCTION** — The Day Everything Changed (1:6)

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan ..."

The Conversation – Job is **DENIED** knowledge of this conversation. Why?

The Concept – This is not about **<u>DUALISM</u>** (God's equal).

## LESSON – When You Get the Worst News of Your Life

II. JOB'S CONFLICT vs. 6-22

The Appointment – Satan Before God (vs. 6-8)

The Terms ...

v. 6a — *"the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, …"* = These are <u>ANGELS</u>. (cf. Job 38:7; Psalm 29:1, 89:6,7)

v. 6b "... and Satan also came among them." = This is the <u>ACCUSER</u>.

v. 7 – "... from where have you come?" This is about <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u>.

v. 8 — "... *Have you considered My servant Job?*" — This is about <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>.

The Truth ... The conversation reflects God's **<u>SOVEREIGNTY</u>** in suffering.

Lesson #1: God's sovereignty is seen in that He **<u>STARTS</u>** the conversation.

"The Lord said to Satan, ... Then Satan answered the Lord ..." (3x's)

The Accusation – Satan Blaming God (vs. 9-12)

The Claim ... Satan is **TAUNTING** God. (vs. 9-11)

The Counter ... God **TAKES** up the challenge from Satan. (v. 12)

Lesson #2: God's sovereignty is seen in that He LIMITS what Satan can do.

"... all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him."

Lesson #3: God's sovereignty is seen in that Satan **DOES** what God tells him. *"So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord."* 

**The Assault** – Satan Buffeting Job (vs. 13-22)

The Reports ... The news Job received (vs. 13-19)

The Response ... Job's reaction (vs. 20-22)

**The Conclusion** — Satan's grand scheme is to silence God's **<u>GLORY</u>** in the time of suffering.

Next Week ... "Again there was a day ..." 2:1

**III. Job's Contentment – Worshipping God in the Valley of Despair** (2:1-10)