

REVIEW — Let's remember what we have learned ...

I. JOB'S CHARACTER — Meet Mr. Job 1:1-5

"There was a man ... whose name was Job, and that man was blameless ..." (1:1)

"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**

Lesson #1 — There is such a thing as **INNOCENT** suffering.

II. JOB'S CONFLICT — When You Get the Worst News of Your Life 1:6-22

"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 ..." (1:6-7)

"In some deep way it is necessary for it to be publicly seen by the whole universe that God is worthy of the worship of a man and that God's worth is in no way dependent on God's gifts." — **Christopher Ash**

Lesson #2 — The **GLORY** of God is more important than your or my or Job's comfort.

INTRODUCTION — Another Conversation Begins (2:1)

The Horror Continues — "Again there was a day ..."

The Heavenly Conversation — "when the sons of God came to present themselves … and Satan came among them to present himself to the Lord. The Lord said to Satan …"

LESSON — Worshipping God in The Valley of Despair

III. JOB'S CONTENTMENT 2:1-10

The Meeting — The Scene in Heaven (vs. 1-6)

The Rhetorical Questions — By God vs. 1-3

"Where have you come from?"

"Have you considered my servant Job?"

The Ruthless Accusation — By Satan vs. 4-6 "Skin for skin!"

The Misery — The Scene on Earth (vs. 7-9)

Job's misery is **PERSONAL**. 7a

"Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and smote Job ..."

Job's misery is **PHYSICAL**. 7b

"... with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head."

Job's misery is **PAINFUL**. v. 8

"And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes."

Job's misery is **PRIVATE**. v. 9

"Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

The Message – Job's Response (v.10)

"... you speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?"

The Conclusion — Biblical prosperity is growing richer in our **KNOWLEDGE** and **LOVE** of God.

The Final Message ... Important Lessons, and Other Hard Questions, From the Book of Job