

CLINGING TO INTEGRITY

- Job 2

This morning let us consider what those around Job thought about his resolve.

I. GOD: YEP! HE'S STILL CLINGING! (1-3)

A. GOD'S TESTIMONY (3a)

1. Repeating Job's moral excellence as He had in 1:8
2. Reporting Job's absolute integrity
3. Revealing to Satan that he had lost the first round!

B. JOB'S TRIAL (3b)

1. He was destroyed (ruined)
2. He was dumbfounded (without cause)

II. SATAN: HAH! HE'S STILL CLINGING ... (4-8)

A. SATAN'S ACCUSATIONS (4-5)

1. Job is selfish (4)
2. Job will falter (5)

B. JOB'S AFFLICTIONS (6-8)

1. Allowed (6)
 - God permitted Satan to touch Job but not kill him
2. Painful (7)
 - Boils is a non-technical term that refers to any sort of skin disease
3. Isolating (8)
 - Job quarantines himself at the city dump

III. MRS JOB: WOE, HE'S STILL CLINGING? (9-10)

A. HER REMARKS (9-10a)

1. Unsupportive (9)
2. Undiscerning (10a)

B. JOB'S RESPONSE (10)

1. Rebuke: You speak as a foolish women
2. Confession: By faith, Job is content to embrace whatever God gives
3. Attitude: He did not say sinful things
 - With this he vindicates God's confidence in him and repudiates Satan's prediction

IV. FRIENDS: WOW! STILL HE'S CLINGING? (11-13)

A. THEIR SITUATION (11-13a)

1. A Decision (11)
2. A Desperation (12-13a)
 - a. Shock (12a)
 - b. Grief (12b)
 - c. Silence (13a)

B. JOB'S SUFFERING (13b)

1. Noticeable pain: His friends could see it
2. Notable pain: Nearly unbearable

CONCLUSION:

What did those around Job think of his integrity?

1. God was confident of it
2. Satan was skeptical about it
3. Mrs. Job was mocking of it
4. His friends were shocked by it

What do people around us think of our integrity?

1. Do they think we are foolish to stand by our convictions and tenaciously hold to God's Word?
2. Will we be content if only God is on our side?
3. Will we continue to stand?
4. Will you cling to integrity?