

WOE AND WORSHIP

Job 1

From Job we learn that amid life's woes we can worship

I. THE CHARACTER OF JOB (1-5)

A. GENUINELY GODLY (1)

1. Blameless: A man of integrity
2. Upright: A man of honesty
3. God-fearing: A man of devotion
4. Turning away from evil: A man of morality

B. FABULOUSLY WEALTHY (2-3)

1. His Family (2)
2. His Fortune (3)

C. A CONSCIENTIOUS FATHER (4-5)

1. Regularly consecrating his children
2. Giving a burnt offering in case his children had sinned

TRANSITION: What was happening in another unseen realm?

II. THE CONTEST ABOUT JOB (6-12)

A. THE ACCUSER'S REPORT (6-7)

- "The Satan" is literally the accuser or the adversary

1. Presenting himself with the sons of God (6)
2. Informing God of his activities (7)

B. GOD'S FOCUS (8)

1. Question Satan: Have you considered my servant Job?
2. Commend Job

C. SATAN'S QUESTIONS (9-10)

1. About Job's Faith (9)
2. About God's Integrity (10)

D. THE CHALLENGE (11-12)

1. Satan's Plan (11)
2. God's Permission (12)

TRANS: Satan moves from Prosecutor to Persecutor!

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III. **THE CATASTOPHES OF JOB** (13-19)

A. THE SABEAN ATTACK (14-15)

- Animals are stolen and the servants are slaughtered

B. THE FIRE OF GOD (16)

- Lightning struck Job's sheep barn and the sheep and servants are lost

C. THE CHALDEAN RAID (17)

- Camels are stolen and servants are slain

D. THE SIROCCO WIND (18-19)

- Destroyed the eldest son's home and killed his ten children

TRANS: **“All the forces of heaven and earth turned hostile against Job.”**

[John Hartley, “The Book of Job,” page 77]

IV. **THE CONDITION OF JOB** (20-22)

A. WOE (20a)

B. WORSHIP (20b-21)

1. The Decision

- a. Right there on his knees he made the choice between despair and devotion
- b. He does not worry or wallow in self-pity
- c. They took all that they could of his possessions but they could not take his piety!

2. Three Declarations

- a. I am content
- b. God is sovereign
- c. God is praiseworthy

C. WORTHY (22)

1. Not Sinning
2. Not Bitter

V. **SOME QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION**

A. Have possessions affected your piety? (1-5)

B. Would God consider you a worthy illustration of devotion to Him? (6-12)

C. What do you do when circumstances turn chaotic and catastrophic? (13-19)

D. Can you worship sincerely while grieving deeply? (20-22)

CONCLUSION: Like Job, even amid woe we can worship!

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