

**Allen Temple Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School Live** 

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**Sunday November 26, 2023**

**Title: When Tragedy Occurs**

**Text: Job 1:14-15, 18-19, 22,  
Job 3:1-3, 11**

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# LESSON INTRODUCTION

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- 1). Who was Job?**
- 2). Where & when did he live?**
- 3). What happened to Job & How did he respond.**
- 4). What will we learn from this lesson.**

# LESSON CONTEXT

**The timeframe of the book of Job is before the origin of the Nation of Israel. No main characters in the story, including Job, was from Israel. There is no reference to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, or to David, Israel's greatest king. In the 42 chapters of this book, there is only one mention of the law, or torah (Heb. TOHR-ah, meaning "instruction" (Job 22:22).**

# LESSON CONTEXT

**Job became the subject of a conversation and then challenge Between God & Satan (vs.6). Satan challenges God on Job's faithfulness, suggesting it is due to the hedge of protection around him. God accepted the challenge and gave Satan authority to destroy all Job had except for his body to prove Job's faithfulness. Satan proceeded to attack Job's life.**

# Questions to Consider

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- 1). The Conversation Between God & Satan?**
- 2). Why did God allow such tragedy to happen?**
- 3). Was Job being tested or attacked?**

## JOB 1:13-15 NIV

**<sup>13</sup> One day when his sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine in the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They Put the servants to the sword; and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you."**



# JOB 1:16 NIV

**1<sup>6</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”**

## JOB 1:17 NIV

**17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”**



## JOB 1:18-19 NIV

**<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, another came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house, <sup>19</sup> and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.”**

# JOB 1:20-21 NIV

**<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup> He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”**

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- 1). Job had seven sons and three daughters.
- 2). Seven thousand sheep.
- 3) Three thousand camels.
- 4). Five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and many servants.

# JOB 1:22 NRSV

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**22 In all this Job did not sin or charge  
God with wrongdoing.**



## POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1. Job was told of eight tragedies all at once.**
- 2. Job lost property, income, staff & children.**
- 3. In grave despair, Job stripped himself  
fell to the Ground and worshipped.**

## *QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER*

- 1. What does Job's response show God & Satan?**
- 2. Why does God allow the righteous to suffer?**
- 3. What can we learn from this experience?**
- 4). Is my faith strong enough to withstand tragedy?**



## JOB CHAPTER 2 SUMMARY

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**God tells Satan of Job's integrity despite his loss. Satan, challenges God again daring God to touch Job's Flesh, and Job would curse God to his Face if his flesh was afflicted, God granted Satan authority to touch Job's body but spare his life. Job 2:1-7 (vs.9) Job's wife told him to curse God & die.**

## JOB 3:1-3 NIV

**3 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup> He said:**

**<sup>3</sup> “May the day of my birth perish, and the night that said, ‘A boy is conceived!’**

# JOB 3:11 NIV

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**11 “Why did I not perish at birth,  
and die as I came from the womb?”**

# Liberating Lesson

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**Few, if any, people live tragedy-free lives. Tragedy comes with the territory of living in a fallen world, a world where sin and human error abound. Everyone is a potential recipient of some kind of tragedy. We would all do well, to develop a faith that does not give up on God when tragedy occurs. God is with us when we celebrate on the mountain peaks of life.**



# Liberating Lesson

**He is also with us when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. God's guidance and care are always at our disposal. Therefore, we would do well to entrust all our doubts to God's care, and to dare to believe that He can & make the results of tragedies serve a higher purpose. When we do this, our faith will live and grow stronger when tragedy occurs.**

# Application for Activation

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**This week, identify someone with whom you are acquainted, who is living with the consequences of tragedy. Take the time to pray for and with them. Perhaps visit or call them and if they desire to share to their story, listen & empathize. Stay in prayer unto God for their healing.**



## **APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION**

**Empathize with them. You will probably not have answers to their questions. You can, however, encourage them to share their feelings with God in the confidence & faith that He loves us cares, and understands.**

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# Next Weeks Lesson



12.3.2023

God's Rule Over The Nations



Psalm 47





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