



Way Point Chronicles

Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

So we see that the adversary and the accuser of Job was the enemy of God and all that are godly. Satan tells God that Job only worships Him because of the blessings. As we stop at our Way Point lets ask, why do we worship God? Is it because of blessings or is it because of who He is. Jesus told the crowds they only followed Him because of what He was giving them by miraculous, means not because of who He was. Many people hang around the rich and famous for the crumbs from the table.

God gives Satan permission to afflict Job. This brings us a good point. God uses suffering for many lessons in life to build us into what He wants us to be. Satan would destroy us if he was allowed but even the suffering that he can inflict is under the sovereign control of God.

In the ensuing verses of chapter one we see that Job loses his sons and daughters in a storm, all his flocks by thieves, and all his servants by the sword. Job lost his entire fortune. We cannot help but thing of the men and women who jumped out the windows to their death when the stock market crashed. What would Job do?

Job 1:20-22 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

The next thing that Satan is allowed to do is afflict Job personally in the flesh. Again it is only what God would allow. *Job 2:7-8 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.*

Job now sits on the garbage dump and scraps the sores. His wife tells him, *"...Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die."* *Job 2:9* Job calls her a foolish woman still he did not sin nor curse God. God was glorified and Satan was humiliated in this battle. How can he till praise God?



Coordinates:
Job 1-42

Sights to See:

- 1- We should all realize that all blessing come from God.
- 2- Our praise and worship of God should not be simply tied to blessing but to who He is.
- 3- We should be very cautious before we step forth with accusations even when it look like someone is guilt.
- 4- There are many question that creation bring forth that man cannot answer because he was not present as an observer of the events.
- 5- God holds all of creation in His hands.
- 6- Even though Job did not sin, we find that before a holy righteous God he, as all mankind must, falls in worship.
- 7- It isn't over until God says it is over. Remember the double blessing.

