

## **Job: Understanding Trials**

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

(KJV) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Job 13:15 – Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!

Job 1:8 - "And the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?'"

Job 1:12 - And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:20 - Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and WORSHIPED.

Job 1:21 - "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord".

Job 2:3 - And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."

Job 2:6 - And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

Job 19:25-27

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

Job 38:1-41

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,

20 that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?

21 You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,  
 23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?  
 24 What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?  
 25 "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt,  
 26 to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man,  
 27 to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?  
 28 "Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew?  
 29 From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven?  
 30 The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.  
 31 "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion?  
 32 Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children?  
 33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?  
 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you?  
 35 Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?  
 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?  
 37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
 38 when the dust runs into a mass and the clods stick fast together?  
 39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
 40 when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their thicket?  
 41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God for help, and wander about for lack of food?

Job 42:2 - "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted".

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 - Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Job 1:5 - And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer BURNT OFFERINGS according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus, Job did (Sacrifice for sin) continually.

Proverbs 19:18 - Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.

My version - Teach your child to not play in the street, even if you have to spank them to get the point across, so they don't get ran over by a truck!

1 Peter 1:15 - But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

Romans 8:29 - For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

### **1. I will serve God even if life seems to be going against me!**

Revelation 2:8-11

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

9 "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days

you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

## **2. I will serve Him with or without encouragement from others!**

Psalm 103:2-5

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## **3. I will serve Him, even when I don't understand everything that He is doing!**

2 Samuel 12:23 - But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I SHALL GO TO HIM, but he will not return to me."

Job 1:2-3

2 There were born to him SEVEN sons and THREE daughters.

3 He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

Job 42:10 - And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job TWICE AS MUCH as he had before.

Job 42:12-13

12 And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

13 He had also SEVEN sons and THREE daughters.