

## Lecture 24 – Job, II

*His wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!”*

*He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”*

*In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. Job 2:9-10*

### Key Terms

Righteousness, accusation, permission, three dialogues

### Lecture Objectives

\*Provide a brief outline of Job.

\*Identify the key theological perspectives on suffering presented in Job, by Job and his friends.

\*Provide an initial response to each perspective based upon the story of Job itself.

### Preliminary Questions

\*In your opinion, what is the central theme of Job? Why? How does this theme connect with rightly living the Christian life?

*What does it mean that Job was blameless & upright?*

*What, in your opinion, is the central message of the book of Job?*

## Job, II

### I. Job

#### A. Introductory Matters

\*B. A Survey of the book of Job, with attendant questions

#### 1. The narrative introduction 1:1-2:10

##### a. Job’s righteousness?

- 1) Blameless/perfect/complete & upright
- 2) Feared God & turned from evil
- 3) Job 1:8 God’s view

\*Laird Harris quote:

##### b. Satan’s accusation

- 1) Satan or the Satan/accuser?
- 2) 1:7 Lord addresses him first
- 3) 1:9 “Does Job fear God for nothing?”
- 4) “Bless you out”

a) The charge:

(1)

(2)

##### c. Yahweh’s permission

- 1) Not dualism!
- 2) Stage permission

##### d. Conclusion

- 1) Job remains steadfast
- 2) Maintains integrity before God
- 3) Job 2:10
- 4) Contest with Satan is over
- 5) Now move to rest of trial of Job - Why has this happened?
- 6) Speculative wisdom

#### 2. Job and his ‘friends’ 2:11-ch. 27 (28)

- a. Narrative description of the friends arrival and 7 day vigil (2:11-13)
- b. Job breaks the silence (ch. 3)
  - 1) 3:23 - ironic echo of Satan's accusation

*See handout: Job Inductive Survey (Appendix 9)*

- c. 3 cycles of dialogue (chs. 4-28).
  - 1) The theology of \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) Espoused by Job's friends
    - b) Right or wrong? Theology right/application wrong
    - c) Job's responses, 12:2ff, 13:1-2, 16:4-5, 27
  - 2) The narrow view of \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) What is it that may bring about suffering?
    - b) Job 17:6 - byword
    - c) Questioning God's justice
  - 3) Job's final response to his friends (chs. 26-27[28])
    - a) Protesting innocence, 27:1-6
    - b) 28 – Mans' inability to discover wisdom - moment of clarity in Job's thought

By examining Job's friends, what might we learn (positively and negatively) about ministering to those who are suffering?