

Series: Stand Fast In the Lord

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JOB 2

Text: Job 2:4

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Introduction:

We all know of the suffering of Job.

He was a man who loved God and yet in a few moments time, he lost all he had.

Although he lost his wealth, his family, and his health, Job never lost his faith.

In the midst of all his suffering, Job stood fast and remained faithful.

Job 19:25

²⁵ For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

He realized a great truth in his trial that God had not forsaken him and that He was in control.

Job's life stands as a testimony for each of us today.

There have been many who have abandoned their faith for much less than what Job endured.

As we encounter the trials of life, they will have an effect on us.

In them we will become bitter or we will become better.

As we looked last week at the challenge and proposal that Satan made with God. Thinking that Job's faithfulness was based solely on God's blessing and protection instead of Job's love for God.

But Satan was proven wrong.

Read Text: Job 2:1-10

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¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

² And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ³ 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? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. ⁴ And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. ⁵ But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. ⁶ And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. ⁷ 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. ⁹ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. ¹⁰ But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

We'll consider Satan's second challenge and proposal this morning.

We consider this morning:

The Consistency of Satan

The Character of Job

We will continue this evening is considering:

Sermon Content:

1. THE CRUELTY OF SATAN

As we consider this morning Satan is consistent in his accusations, attacks and assaults.

All of these are carried out with great cruelty.

We consider the Cruelty of Satan which brought about Calamity of Job.

Notice:

A. The Source of Job's Trial (vs. 1-2, 7)

Job 2:1-2

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² And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 2:7

⁷ 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.

The source of Job's Trials was Satan himself.

He was walking to and fro in the earth, seeking someone to attack.

This was nothing new.

Satan appeared to Adam in the garden.

Understand:

God isn't your problem in trials.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Every child of God will face the attack of the enemy.

He desires nothing more than to defeat and destroy those who are living for the Lord.

Being a child of God has made you a target for Satan.

Note:

- The Severity of His Trials (vs. 13-19; 2:7)

Job 1:13-19

¹³ *And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁴ And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: ¹⁵ And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁶ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁷ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁹ And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.*

Job 2:7

7 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.

In Chapter 1 we find that Job was a wealthy man with a large family.

He was blessed with herds, servants, sons, and daughters.

One by one the messengers came with bad news, and as they each came, the news got worse.

On that day Job lost all of his wealth, most of his servants, and all his children.

In the verses we've read we find him mourning his losses and Satan touches his body with boils from the top of his head to the sole of his feet.

Job was suffering under a heavy burden.

Trials of life will come our way. They may become more than we can almost bear.

Remember: 1 Corinthians 10:13

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13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

It is in those times that we must learn to trust in the Lord.

Job would've never made it without God's hand of mercy.

He of all people could've become bitter toward God, but he chose to worship instead.

Job stood fast in the Lord.

You may be in a trial today, and I'm sure that it weighs heavy upon you, but remember things could always be worse.

I don't know of a one of us who has suffered as Job did and yet he made it and stood fast.

Note not only the Severity of His Trial but also:

- The Suppression of His Trail (vs. 1:12; 2:6)

Job 1:12

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.

Job 2:6

⁶ And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

The enemy had come to attack Job, but God had set some boundaries.

He would only let Satan go so far. Even in Job's misery, God was still in control.

You may be here today and feel as if you've almost been destroyed.

Just remember that Satan has to get permission from the Lord.

He can only go as far as God permits.

Thank God for the hedge that He has placed around us.

There will be times when God allows Satan to come in, but he can only go so far.

He will eventually reach the point where God says that's enough; you can't go any farther.

Life will bring some difficult days, but we are never out of the Lord's control!

Satan desired to sift Peter as wheat, and he did, but Jesus prayed for Peter.

When it seems as if your world is falling apart, take comfort in knowing to whom you belong!

Satan may be Cruel but God is in Control.

Consider lastly:

2. THE CONSOLATION OF JOB

Things looked dark for Job, but he had not been forsaken.

God didn't abandon Job in his time of need.

There were some difficult days ahead, but his hope would be restored.

Trials of life will come, but they won't last forever. Just as Job found consolation we will as well.

Let's look at Job's consolation and how the Lord blessed him in the end.

Though we will Lord willing look at this in greater detail soon I'll just briefly mention it now.

Turn to Job 42

Job 42:10-13

*¹⁰ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also **the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.** ¹¹ Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: **every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.** ¹² **So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:** for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. ¹³ He had also seven sons and three daughters.*

Understand:

This for the Child of God may be when He or She goes to Heaven but may we find comfort in knowing that God will bless our latter end than our beginning.

Close:

As we close may we be reminded again of the Consistency of Satan.

Satan is consistent in his:

- Accusations
- Attacks
- Assaults

Don't think just because you didn't succumb to his first attempt or attack that he will leave you alone.

He may briefly, but only for a season.

Would be said of us that we're an individual of Character even when we are Satan's target of Cruelty.

May we find comfort know though Satan is cruel; God is and will continue to be in Control

Therefore may we resolve to Stand Fast in the Lord.