

# God, Wisdom, and Difficult Times

A Study of Job

**Disaster Strikes Again**

# 1:1 - 2:13 Prologue

## Satan Accuses Job Once More (2:1-10)

- ▶ **The Accuser Accuses Once More - 2:1-6**
  - ▶ The Accuser is concerned.
  - ▶ He asks for a rule change.
- ▶ **God took Responsibility for what Happened to Job - 2:3, 6**
  - ▶ God understands how the universe works - *we don't!*
  - ▶ Important -- What happened to Job was “without cause” - 2:3

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- ▶ **The Intensity Increases - Job's Disease -- 2:7-9**
  - ▶ Painful itching - 2:8
  - ▶ Disfigured - 2:12
  - ▶ Scabs, sores that ooze pus and are infected with worms - 7:5
  - ▶ High fever - 30:30
  - ▶ Skin turns dark and shrivels - 30:30
  - ▶ Face red from weeping and shadows around the eyes (16:16)
  - ▶ Tossing and turning and unable to sleep (7:4); nightmares - 7:13-14
  - ▶ Repulsive breath - 19:17
  - ▶ Severe weight loss - 19:20
  - ▶ Constant pain - 30:17

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- ▶ **The Intensity Increases - Job's Wife-- 2:7-9**
  - ▶ Expectation: someone to hang in there with Job and comfort him.
  - ▶ Reality: Give up your integrity. Curse God and die. There's no hope.
  - ▶ Worse than if Job's wife had been killed.

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- ▶ The second critical point - will Job now curse God?
- ▶ Job keeps his integrity - 2:10

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- ▶ **PRESENCE IS MINISTRY!**
  - ▶ Comfortable with simply being there.
  - ▶ Not afraid of feeling compelled to help.

# Assignments

- ▶ Read the book of Job through twice. Use a different translation each time.
- ▶ Read at least one other book relating to suffering.

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- ▶ If you haven't already done so, read what Eliphaz said (chapters 4-5, 15, 22) and ask yourself the questions below.
- ▶ Read Bildad (chapters 8, 18, and 25) and do the same thing.
- ▶ Read Zophar (chapters 11, 20) and do the same thing.
  - ▶ What do we learn about Eliphaz/Bildad/Zophar from what he said? What was his point of view?
  - ▶ What did he say, if anything, that was always true? Sometimes true? Not true?
  - ▶ What do we learn from him about relating to someone who is suffering? During times of suffering in your life, how would his words have affected *you*?