A War Without Answers

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Answers to many of life's hardest questions won't come until it's too late. Will you forfeit eternal life because of impatience?

1 Corinthians 13:12 *– For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

SNAPSHOT of a Famous Sufferer

- Job was a righteous man who was loyal to God

Job 1:1 *– There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. (see also Job 1:8; 2:3)*

- Job was healthy, wealthy, and blessed

Job 1:3 *– 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. (see also Job 2:4–5)*

- Satan accused Job of blessing-based loyalty

Job 1:9–11 *– Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."*

- Satan had no authority to afflict Job without God's permission

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. (see also Job 2:6)*

Satan's 1st attack: Wealth taken & Children Die (*Job 1:13–19*)

Satan's 2nd attack: Personal Health and Temptress Wife (*Job 2:7–9*)

- Job correctly recognized that his loss was in God's hands

Job 1:20–22 *– Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.* [21] *And he said, "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*."* [22] *In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.*

PAIN PRINCIPLES from the Life of Job

1. We're in an unseen supernatural war with eternal stakes

Ephesians 6:12 *– For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

2. We lack the capacity to understand everything that is going on

Job 38:1–4 *– 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.*

3. God can use our faithful suffering to bring others to Himself.

Job 42:7–8 *– After the* LORD *had spoken these words to Job, the* LORD *said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.* [8] *Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has."*

4. The faithful end with far more than they lose

Job 42:10, 17 *– 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...* [17] *And Job died, an old man, and full of days.*

Romans 8:18 *– For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

JOB POINTED FORWARD TO SOMEONE BETTER. JESUS ALSO…

…Had and lost everything (*2 Cor. 8:9*)

…Was tempted by Satan (*Matt. 4:1–10*)

…Suffered though doing nothing wrong (*1 Pet. 2:21–23*)

…Remained faithful through trial (*Phil. 2:8*)

…Was falsely accused of being a sinner (*Matt. 26:57–68*)

…Interceded for those who falsely accused Him (*Rom. 8:34*)

…Was abundantly blessed in the end (*Phil. 2:9–11*)

NEXT WEEK: The Possibility in Pain

REFLECT & RESPOND

Heavenly Father, I don't understand everything You are doing, and I may not get the answers I want in this life. Help me trust You anyway. When I am under attack, remind me that You are in control and that nothing reaches me without Your permission. Give me the humility to wait for Your answers and the faith to stay loyal until I see You face to face. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.