

What Job Teaches Us about God

(Job 1:21)

In the months of February and March, we read the first 19 chapters of Job. We learned a lot about Job in Job 1:1-5. Despite the many blessings he enjoyed, there came a time when he began to suffer terribly in his life. And yet, despite his trials, he continued to remain faithful to God.

While Job's story teaches us many lessons about perseverance and faith, there are also many lessons about God in the book.

Let's consider three lessons we learn about God in the book of Job.

I. God Doesn't Fit In Our Box

- A. Much of Job is about the false assumptions that Job's three friends make about the cause of his suffering.
 - 1. Eliphaz strongly believes that Job is suffering because he is a wicked sinner (Job 4:7-9; 22:21-22). He feels that God is punishing Job.
 - 2. Eliphaz had a very simplistic view of God's relationship with mankind.
 - 3. We need to be **careful not to adopt his mentality** (Job 42:7).
- B. There are many complicated causes of suffering.
 - 1. **Natural consequences** (Proverbs 6:20-29)
 - 2. **Chance happenings** (Ecclesiastes 9:11)
 - 3. **Wicked actions of others** (Ecclesiastes 8:14)
 - 4. **Satan** (Job 2:7)
- C. Just because we serve God doesn't mean we will avoid suffering in this life!

II. God is Always There

- A. During his time of suffering, Job begins to question God's presence in his life (Job 30:20-23). He begins to feel that God has left him and is treating him unfairly.
 - 1. Job wants answers from God. In chapters 38-41, God gives him answers.
 - 2. Job needed to be reminded of the power and presence of God!
- B. We serve a God who...
 - 1. Is able to **see everything** (Hebrews 4:13).
 - 2. **God cares** about our problems (1 Peter 5:7).
 - 3. Will **help us** (Psalm 34:16-17).

III. God Is Always Worthy of Praise

- A. Job lost some of his greatest blessings in his life.
 - 1. And yet, he continued to trust and be thankful towards God (Job 1:20-22; 2:9-10).
 - 2. We would be wise to develop and maintain the same attitude!
- B. No matter what trials we face, God is always worthy of our praise because **Of what He has done for us through his Son** (John 3:16).

Conclusion: Like Job, are you also _____?