

Whatever My God Does is Right!

A Study in the Book of Job

Setting the Scene

Job 2:1-6

The Setup

- Just as in the first test God interacts with Satan in an undisclosed location where good and evil can to some extent co-mingle.
- Once again, just as in the first test God makes the effort to single out Job for Satan to consider.

Ethical Implications

- God points out Job to Satan.
- Satan asks permission to attach Job.
- Satan afflicts Job.
- God states that Satan incited Him to do this to Job.
- God also states that Satan incited Him to afflict Job for NO REASON.
- God is the first cause and Satan is to be blamed for the evil done. *Genesis 45:4-7*

Job's 2nd Test

Job 2:7-10

Physical Suffering

- Satan caused Job to have very painful sores from his head to his feet.
- It is said that Job “sat among the ashes.” This most likely refers to his being made to live apart from others.

Marital Suffering

- In the midst of suffering it is our spouse who has the unique role of encouraging us to stay the course and obey scripture in spite of our circumstances.
Genesis 2:18-25, Ephesians 5:25-30, Proverbs 12:4
- Our love for our God must above that of loving our spouse. *Matthew 10:34-39*

Job's Three Friends

Job 2:11-13

- We know nothing Job's three friends other than they were his friends.
- Their plan of just sitting with Job for seven days indicated their love for him. *Ephesians 4:32*
- It should be noted that is the only good thing done by Job's friends.

Job's Response

Job 3

- Job suffered from the sin of self-pity.
- Self-pity is a form of self-centeredness where you are only concerned with how things affect you.
- Self-pity is a denial that our Father in heaven is motivated by his love for us in whatever he brings into our lives. *Romans 8:28*

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- If we are a believer then all of life is controlled by a God who loves us with a radical love.

- If we are a believer then our only response can be one of thanks and joy that we are in the hands of a loving Father. *Ephesians 5:20*