

# “Having Hope in Trials Through the Example of Job”

## Job 1:1-42:17

**Big Idea-** Suffering and evil happen in the world, even to the ‘righteous’. We are to recognize our limited understanding of God’s ways and trust Him in submissive humility. We can have hope in trials knowing that God will show up at the proper time and ways.

*“Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the endurance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:11; Also see Romans 15:4)*

**LESSON 1-** We can have hope in trials knowing that the Lord has the POWER

- A. The power that the Lord has is shown by Satan needing PERMISSION (Job 1:6, 12; 2:1, 6; Luke 8:33; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Luke 22:31)
- B. The power that the Lord has is shown in God controlling the EXCHANGE (Interestingly, God is the one who takes the initiative in bringing up Job)

**LESSON 2-** We can have hope in trials knowing that the Lord has PATIENCE

Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar- “wicked suffer, righteous prosper. Job needs to repent of his sin.” (Suffering can occur: fallen world, discipline, strengthen, comfort, teach, produce fruit, sanctify, etc.; James 1:5)

- A. The patience of the Lord is shown in God not immediately JUDGING (Matt 12:36; Job 7:17-21; 9:21-24; 10:1-7; 13:15-25; 19:23-27; 24:9-12; 27:1-4; 28:12-23; 29:1-6; 32:1; 33:8-12; 35:1-3, 14; 36:15-23)

**LESSON 3-** We can have hope in trials knowing that the Lord has a PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Lord is to be trusted due to His SOVEREIGNTY (Job 38-41; Can Job explain, oversee, and subdue God’s creation?)
- B. The purpose of the Lord is to be trusted through our HUMILITY (Job 40:3-5; 42:1-6; blessed only AFTER he prayed for his friends)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to submit in quiet trust and obedience to His sovereignty!* (Notice a major LESSON in Job 42:11 where God is deemed the cause)

*“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (1Peter 1:6-7)*