

JOB

A PATH THROUGH SUFFERING

SERMON NOTES

Week 3 July 2 2023

"My Servant Job"

Job 1:8-9, 9:17, 38:1-11, 40:8; 42:5-6



I. Introduction

- A. Job has two demands in the midst of his suffering. He says "I don't want to suffer without _____ and vindication."
- B. In the midst of his suffering, Job has a request. He wants to meet _____ face to face.

II. The Argument of God

- A. God is saying to Job 'let's examine your knowledge. How much do you really _____ compared to what I know?'
- B. The whole point of the book of Job is that dedicated _____ can go through suffering like Job.
- C. Elizabeth Elliott was saying 'If we get angry and blame God during times of suffering, our God is too _____ and therefore we won't find any rest.'

III. The Silence of God

- A. If God tells Job the reason for his suffering, he will never become a _____ man whose name lives forever.
- B. What makes you like Salieri from the movie Amadeus? A person who believes you are saved by _____.

IV. God's Wonderful, Terrible Storm

- A. Job 38:1 is the first place in the book of Job that God is referred to not as Elohim (the generic Hebrew word for divine being), but _____.
- B. The _____ makes God able to be both loving and holy toward us.
- C. When Job sees the size of God, he no longer needs an explanation. And when he sees the _____ of God, he no longer needs vindication.
- D. During times of suffering we need to say "I was _____ by a man who suffered and didn't deserve it and he did it for me. I am going to be faithful and trust in him."

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Job is a man who is plunged into agony, and for chapter after chapter, Job is confused and angry, crying out to God in prayer. He longs to meet with God and prays that God would show up. And God does. This is the climax of the whole book. There are three things we learn about this final climactic appearance of God before Job - the argument of God, the silences of God, and God's wonderful, terrible storm.

Monday: Job 38:1-18

Job longs to meet with God face to face in the midst of his suffering and God shows up in the storm. God begins by asking Job a series of questions about the foundations of the world. What is God's main point in all of His questions? How does it make you feel about God? Do you feel that you give God the reverence he deserves?

Tuesday: Job 40: 2, 8-14

Do you think that we sometimes assume that we know as much as God? When we cannot understand the ways of God, how does faith play a role? How can we possibly completely know the purposes of God?

Wednesday: Job 40:3-5, 42:1-6

During his encounter with God, Job begins to see how awesome and loving God is and it leads to Job's response. How do you feel about Job's responses to God? Would you have responded in similar fashion?

Thursday: Job 42:7-9

After God questions Job, he turns his attention toward Job's friends that gave him miserable comfort in his time of need. Many things they said misrepresented God. In the end, Job prays for them and forgives them. Have you ever taken the opportunity to pray for your enemies? How do you feel about that?

Friday: Job 42:10, 12-17

After Job suffered greatly, God blessed him with wealth and children again. How do you feel about the restoration of Job after his suffering has ended? Would you have felt differently if Job had not been restored? Why?

MOVING FORWARD

God's purposes are far above us and our own understanding. Understandably, like Job, when we suffer deeply we often have questions ("God, why are you allowing this to happen? Why are you not responding?"). However, God is much more interested in helping us grow into the people he has called us to be. His ways are greater than our ways. And while he reveals himself to some extent through His Word, there are many things about God that remain a mystery. Trusting God during difficult times allows us to grow in our faith and in our relationship with our Creator.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) explanation, B) God. IIA) know, B) servants, C) small.
IIIA) great, B) works. IVA) Yahweh, B) cross, C) grace, D) saved.*