

## Job Lesson 2: Chapter 1

### Job 1:1

- “there was a man”- Relevant not just to Israel but to all man.
- Uz was located in Edom (modern-day Jordan).
- the Hebrew for Job means “enemy.” Is Job a good guy or a bad guy?
- blameless and upright are how Job relates to men.
- fearing God and turning away from evil are how Job relates to God.
- if you truly fear Him, you will always run away from evil because God hates evil and is committed to ultimately destroying it.
- in the heavenly court God aims to prove to Satan that Job is righteous, but though Job was a righteous man, he was not without sin, and he was in need repentance and ultimately a redeemer.

### Job 1:2

- the mention of Job’s family first among his assets is significant and suggests that they were the most important things to him (after God).

### Job 1:3

- immensely wealthy.
- the lessons we learn from the highest level of suffering of the greatest and best man will be applicable to lesser degrees of suffering experienced by lesser men.

### Job 1:4-5

- Job’s family members were happy.
- Job was worried about their hearts being right with God.
- Job is concerned about dishonoring God in his heart, and the irony is that this is exactly the test that Job himself is about to receive.

### Job 1:6

- sons of God- angelic host
- the angels came because God had summoned them.
- God is setting up a courtroom proceeding to place HIMSELF on trial using Satan as the prosecutor, and the key question is: Who is right and who is wrong?

Job 1:7

- it is God who speaks, and EVERYONE else responds to Him.
- God is the initiator of everything.

Job 1:8

- Satan is being invited to dispute God's rightness using Job as a test case.
- is Job righteous BECAUSE he got a lot of stuff from God,
- or did he get a lot of stuff from God BECAUSE he was righteous,
- or are these two facts (Job is righteous and has lots of stuff) unrelated?

Job 1:9–11

- Satan asserts that Job's goodness is only skin deep, and in his heart, Job is corrupt and worships God only for what he can get from Him.
- Satan's real attack is against God by accusing God of bribing Job to worship Him.

Job 1:12

- while God does allow him to test Job, he limits what Satan can do.
- God is not the author of evil, though he allows this test for the greater purpose of putting his rightness on display.

Job 1:13–19

- the party being located at the oldest brother's house suggests that this was the best party.
- likely occurred on the first day of the week and the day when Job would have offered sacrifices to God.
- the rapid succession of tragedies is designed to exert the maximal injury to Job.
- Satan was framing God for these tragedies.

Job 1:20–22

- Job's reaction was that of a man who genuinely feared God.
- Job did not curse God. Job blessed Him in the strongest way possible.

**Application:** Each of us suffer trials on a regular basis, and we all have the experience of ingratitude and resentment when things do not go our way. Meditate on Job 1:20-22 this week and see how God uses this text to change your life.