

Faith Manifested – Job 1 (13-22)

I. Suffering Comes Unexpectedly (13-19)

A. Job's World Continues Unaware (13)

- i. His children continued to feast
- ii. His servants continued the work
- iii. His fields were being plowed, his animals cared for (14)

B. Job's World is Suddenly Attacked (14-19)

i. Job's Prosperity is Exterminated (14-17)

1. Job's Farming Income Destroyed (14-16)

* Evil Men Attack Job's Income

- Sabeans (Men from Sheba, SW Arabia) Attacked
- They stole his oxen and donkeys (farming)
- They killed his servants

* Act of God Attacks Job's Income

- Fire of God fell on sheep and shepherds

2. Job's Trade Income is Destroyed (17)

* Evil Men Attack Job's Income

- Chaldeans (SE Mesopotamia, Babylonians) Attacked
- Raided his caravans and took them
- They killed his servants

ii. Job's Family is Exterminated (18-19)

1. His Children are Destroyed by an Act of God

- * While they feasted, a wind destroyed the house
- * They were killed by a freak storm

II. Faith's Reaction to Unexpected Suffering (20-22)

A. Job's Faith is Manifested (20-21)

i. Job grieved deeply (20)

- 1. Tore robe
- 2. Shaved head

ii. Job worshiped God Deeply

- 1. Job understood God is God regardless of His circumstances
- 2. God deserves worship because He is God
- 3. Not because He gives good blessings

iii. Job Trusted God Deeply (21)

1. Job realized He deserved Nothing

- * Naked I came, Naked I will go
- I had nothing, I will have nothing

2. Job realized God is just

- * The Lord gives
- * The Lord takes away
- * The Lord is blessed regardless

B. Job's Faith is Vindicated (22)

i. Job never sinned by blaming God

ii. Job loved God for God, not his blessings