

The Faith of Job Challenged – Job 1:6-12

I. The Sons of God Came Before the Lord (6)

- a. Angels came before the Lord to report
 - Good angels patrol the earth on behalf of the suffering righteous (Zech 1: 10, 11; 6: 7)
- b. The Satan was present as well
 - He goes about to accuse and devour

II. Job's Devotion is Acknowledged (7-8)

- a. The Adversary was Accusing and Devouring (7)
- b. God challenged him to consider Job (8)
 - i. God's question – "have you considered?"
 - ii. God saw Job's faith
 - no one like him
 - Blameless, upright
 - fearing God, turning away from evil

III. Job's Devotion is Questioned (9-12)

- a. The Satan Accuses Job of Idolatry
 - i. Satan's question – "you think it is for nothing?"
 - ii. Job loves God's protection – not God (10a)
 - God made a hedge around him
 - God protected his house and possessions
 - God protected him on every side
 - iii. Job loves God's blessings – not God
 - God blessed the work of his hands
 - God blessed Job's increase in the land
- b. The Satan's Challenge (11-12)
 - i. Satan challenges God to test Job (11)
 - Remove your protection and blessing and he won't love you
 - * touch all that he has
 - * Job worried about his kid's secretly cursing God
 - * Satan said Job would if not blessed
 - * Job loved God's benefits not God
 - ii. God accepts Satan's challenge (12)
 - Gave Satan authority over Job's possessions and family
 - No authority over Job's life
 - Even the devil is God's devil
 - He can't do anything without permission