

EPISODE NO. 12

Job 2:1-13; 3:1-4a,11; 4:1,7,8; 5:1a; 13:15; 19:21b,25

Job Was Tested Again

1 On another day, the angels came to show themselves in the presence of Yahweh. And, Satan also came among them to present himself to Yahweh. 2 Yahweh said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered Yahweh, “I have been wandering around the earth. I have been going back and forth on it.”

3 Then Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you noticed My true servant Job? No one else on earth is like him! He is an honest man, innocent of any wrong. He reveres Me and turns away from evil. You suggested that I ruin him for no good reason. Yet Job continues to hold tightly to his integrity.

4 Satan answered, “One skin for another!” A man will give everything he has to save his own life! 5 But if You reach out Your hand now and attack his flesh and his bones, then he will SURELY curse You to Your face!”

6 Yahweh said to Satan, “Look, Job is in your power, but you must let him live.” 7 So, Satan left the presence of Yahweh. And he struck Job’s body with painful sores, which went from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. 8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery, and he used it to scrape himself. He was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then Job’s wife said to him, “Are you STILL trying to hang onto your integrity? Curse God and die!”

10 Job answered her, “You are talking like a foolish woman! Should we receive only good things from the one true God and not trouble!?” In all of this suffering, Job did NOT sin in anything he said.

Job’s Three Friends Came to Comfort Him

11 Now Job had three friends. They were Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. These friends heard about all the terrible things that had happened to Job. So each of them came from his own place. They agreed to meet and

go visit Job. They wanted to comfort him. 12 They saw Job from far away. However, he looked so different that they almost did not recognize him. They began to cry loudly. Looking up toward heaven, they tore their robes and sprinkled dirt on their heads. 13 Then they sat on the ground with Job for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how much he was suffering.

Why Was Job Born?

3:1 Then Job spoke. He cursed the day that he was born. 2 Job said: 3 "Let the day when I was born be wiped out! Obliterate the night when it was said: 'A boy has come into the world!' 4 Let that day turn to darkness. Let God in heaven not even care about it!

11 "Why didn't I die as soon as I was born!? Why didn't I expire when I came out of the womb!?"

Eliphaz Argued with Job

4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered: 7 "Does an innocent person die!? No! Honest people are NEVER destroyed! 8 But, I have noticed that people who plow evil and plant trouble harvest it! 5:1 Call out for help, Job! But, nobody will answer you!"

Job Still Believed in God's Purpose for Him

13:15 Job said, "Look, though God may kill me, yet I will trust in Him! Nevertheless, I will STILL defend my ways to His face!"

19:21b Job continued, "The hand of God has struck me! 25 But I know that my Defender is alive. And, I know that, in the end, HE will come to stand up for me!"