

Sermon Notes / Job 1 & 2
Sunday, 23rd November 2025

Main Theme: We all face suffering. Learn from Job how to endure trials through faith, trusting God's sovereignty and goodness.

Introduction

Job was blameless, upright, and God-fearing, yet suffering came with God's permission (Job 1.1, 7-8, 12).

He lost family, servants, and property, but did not sin or blame God (Job 1.22).

Question: What do we do when suffering strikes?

Suffering: Pain, loss, hardship (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) rooted in a sin-broken world.

Be Prepared for Suffering

Scripture warns us not to be surprised by trials (1 Peter 4.12; John 16.33).

We're often shocked, but Jesus promises peace amid tribulation – He has overcome the world.

Self-Inflicted Suffering

Not all suffering is like Job's (due to righteousness); some stems from our own sins or meddling (1 Peter 4.15).

Sin grieves the Holy Spirit and invites God's loving discipline until repentance occurs (Philippians 2.12-13).

Key distinction: Eternal penalty of sin is paid by Christ, but real-world consequences remain.

Practical response: Trust God's providence, ask "Lord, what do You have in mind?", and self-examine.

Chapter 2: A Divine Deal

God allows further testing: Satan afflicts Job with sores, but spares his life (Job 2.6-7).

This suffering tests Job's devotion – not because he's unrighteous, but precisely because he is.

Question: Do you serve God only for benefits (wealth, family, health, protection)?

Warning against "sensuous unbelief": Relying on feelings over God's Word.

What Suffering Does Spiritually

Suffering strips away comforts, exposes our true identity, and reveals faith's quality (1 Corinthians 3.10-15).

Suffering doesn't build character; it reveals it – showing if we run to God or earthly comforts (1 Peter 1.7).

Ultimately, suffering sanctifies us, making us more like Christ.

More Than Conquerors

Nothing can separate us from Christ's love – not trials, loss, or death (Romans 8.35-39).

Encourage perseverance: Don't quit; God will complete His work in you.

Conclusion: Endure and Worship

Church, life is hard, but a resurrection is coming – keep trusting God.

Suffering refines faith for eternal glory; thank Him for using it to draw us closer to Christ.

This week, examine your trials: Cling to His promises and worship the sovereign God who overcomes all!

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