

# The Trials Of Job

**TEXT:** Job 1: 6-22

Job is the oldest book in the Bible, dating probably to 1520 B.C. Why is there so little preaching on Job? For my part, I do not measure up to the man and fear what I'd do if God called on me in like manner! This book reminds us that life begins and ends in a struggle!

## 1. JOB WORE THE MARK OF GREATNESS!

- A. He was praised by God Almighty (v, 8) - That's character!
- B. He took all the devil had, without sin (v. 22)
- C. He endured unimaginable duress, yet did not rebel against God.

## 2. JOB HAD THE MATURITY OF GODLINESS!

- A. He withstood the test of prosperity
  - 1. Most people can't handle it!
  - 2. The snare of riches - can God trust you?
- B. He withstood the test of adversity
  - 1. He lost "everything"???? wealth, children, health
  - 2. He lost the support of his wife (Ch. 2: 9-10)
  - 3. His "friends" betrayed him (Ch. 2: 11)
    - Note: Girls, don't ever name a child *Eliphaz, Bildad, or Zophar!*
- C. He withstood the test of great sorrow
  - 1. He had to face it all alone
  - 2. How can we measure the depth of his grief?
  - 3. Heaven was silent for a season

## 3. JOB WAS A MARVEL OF GOD'S CARE!

- A. In every trial God is still on the throne! There is a purpose for it all
- B. Satan can only go so far!
  - \*The "fire" refines and tempers... ("How Firm A Foundation")  
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all  
Sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee, I  
Only design, thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine"
- C. The end was better than the beginning! (Ch. 42: 12-17)

**HOW FAR COULD GOD TRUST US?**