

BELIEVERS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Job's Calamities
Job 1:6-22

- Accusations
- Assaults

Key Verse: 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Introduction: What motivates you to serve God? Is it because of what you think you might receive from Him? Is it because you truly believe that God is worthy of your service just because He is God? Judging your motives for why you serve God is important. Hopefully, you and I serve Him because we are convinced that God is worthy of our praise.

In our lesson today we find Job subjected to two tests: (1) on his possessions and children; (2) on his health. In the text there are two Scenes: "*in heaven*" and "*on earth*" and in both places we discover the activity of Satan.

Satan has freedom in heaven and on the earth: "*the god of this world*" [2Corinthians 4:4](#); "*the prince of the power of the air*" [Ephesians 2:2](#) and "*the accuser of the brethren*" [Revelation 12:10](#) Satan is able "*to lord over*" "*to rule over*" and "*to master*" the lives of people and things.

- In Heaven he makes two Accusations against the character of Job.
- On Earth he makes two Assaults against the person of Job.

1. Accusations: v.9 "*doth Job fear God for naught*" Satan, the accuser suggested that Job was serving God not out of love but only because of what he got from God in return.

- If Job's rewards were removed, out would go his reverence. Would anyone serve the LORD if he enjoys no personal gain from it? Satan's words deals with the motives for godly living. Secondly, this Accusation was against the integrity of God, that people served God because of the promises of wealth.

2. Assaults: vv.13-22 The Assaults from Satan were ultimately caused by human and natural forces. The Assaults were fourfold which included the destruction of property and life. When God removes his hedge from around us, there remains no security from the Assaults of the evil one.

Job's Response to the First Test: there was inner turmoil and shock as symbolized by "*tearing of clothing*" and "*shaving the head*" and "*there was immediate worship of God*"

Application: v.21 Job followed Adversity with Adoration, Woe with Worship. Job did not give in to any bitterness. His amazing response showed that Satan was wrong in predicting that Job would curse God. "*naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return*"

Devotion is possible without dollars received in return. A believer can be Godly apart from material gains; and it verified God's words about Job's godly character: