Bible Story: Job

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INTRODUCTION

- Actually, the book of Job tells of the patience of God and the endurance of Job.
- How patient God was with Job until he got, as we say today, his head on straight.
- God was listening. Job just wasn't bending his ear to the will of the Father.

1 The Brevity and Uncertainty of Life

Job 14:1; Job 7:6; Job 24:22

- Some of them speak of the brevity and uncertainty of life in such vivid graphic language, they're never to be forgotten.
- Man that is born of woman is a few days in much trouble.
- And all through the book of Job we read of the futility of thinking we'll be on earth forever.

2 We Have What Job Longed For: A Mediator

Job 9:33; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:1

- If I only had a mediator between thee and me, O God, an umpire to plead my case.
- Do you know that we have what Job longed for? Christ is our mediator.
- We have an advocate with the Father, Christ Jesus the righteous.
- A lawyer to plead our case at the bar of God's justice and glory.

3 Suffering Is Not Always a Result of Sin

2 Corinthians 12; 1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20

- Men have always tried to answer the problem of human suffering, and always have tried to equate suffering with sin.
- But there have been some great and righteous, and even one perfect one, Jesus Christ, who suffered often and deeply, and yet did not sin.
- So we cannot always equate suffering with sin.
- This faithful, enduring one, Job said, Though he slay me, yet will I trust him.

4 Never Put Too Much Trust in Any Human Being

Hebrews 13:6; Job 19:25; Job 20:4–9

- We should never put too much trust in any human being.
- We're to put our ultimate trust in God.
- Well, your best friend's Christ, and he's never forsaken you.
- When we allow the frailty of humanity to separate us from divinity, we're not thinking very clearly.
- But he knoweth the way that I take. When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

5 Not Why Job Suffered, But Who God Was

Job 30:20

- Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.
- Job, if you'll be quiet, I can take your little puny life and make it worthwhile if you'll submit to my will.
- We need to turn loose and let God rule and have dominion in our lives.
- So the whole gist of the book of Job is not an answer to why Job suffered, but who God was.
- And if we know who God is, we'll not question what happens day by day, for it's just for the moment anyway.

MY NOTES