Why did Job fear God?

Adam Willingham · Job 1:9–11

INTRODUCTION

- There's a question asked in the book of Job. Does Job fear God for nothing? Do you know who asked that question? Satan.
- He's saying, You have bought his service. Anybody would serve you if you gave him all that Job has.

1 Job's Faithfulness

Job 16:6–14; Job 13:15; James 5:11

- He never severed his relationship with God. Even though he had all these plaguing questions about what was going on.
- Though he slay me, I will hope in him.
- As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives. And at the last he will take his stand on the earth.
- Job's endurance, his patience is the real point of the book.

2 Does Job Fear God for Nothing?

- What he meant is does Job fear God for no outward benefit? Would Job fear God if he had nothing?
- But even when he had nothing, he still remained faithful to God.
- Thank you, God, for these blessings, but I would serve you without them.
- Some Christians are just fair weather Christians.

3 The Most Basic Reason to Serve God

- What is the most basic reason to serve God? Is it because he has blessed us physically? Well, that can't be the most basic reason.
- We have motivations of hope of reward. And that's not an immature motivation. We have motivation of fear of hell.
- But even more basic than those, I believe, from my study of the book of Job is that God deserves it.
- Let us always remember to fear God simply because He is God and He deserves it.

4 Never Allow Your Suffering to Destroy Your Covenant Relationship

Revelation 2:10–11

- Never allow your suffering to destroy your covenant relationship with God.
- If you hang on to God through your suffering, then you have overcome.
- Be faithful until death. And I will give you the crown of life.
- If we're remaining faithful to God through it all, we're overcoming.

5 Depression Is Not Sinful

Job 40:2; Job 42; Philippians 4

- It can be sinful, but it is not inherently sinful to be depressed. Job was depressed.
- Being confused about your suffering is not sinful.
- Having plaguing questions, why is this going on? That's not sinful. As long as you maintain your covenant relationship with God.
- The point of those passages is that we have every cause to rejoice.

6 Christians Are Like Hot Tea

- Christians are like hot tea. Their strength is not drawn out until they are in hot water.
- And don't you know that Job was made the stronger for what he went through?
- If we didn't have the trials and tribulations of life, then we wouldn't be developed into the characters that God wants us to become.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Like Job, serve God for nothing. That is, for no outward benefit. Serve him if for no other reason, simply because he deserves it.**

MY NOTES