

Series: Journey Though Job

- Nov. 5 Title: "Blessed Be Yahweh, Who Gives & Takes"
Scripture: Job 1:1-22
Summary: Satan is allowed to destroy Job's possessions, but not his person.
Main Idea: God is sovereign over the dark days of our lives, including the activity of our most powerful enemy.
Application: Worship is the appropriate response to God in seasons of both pain and pleasure. It is not a sin to see God as sovereign over all the events of our lives, including both what we understand to be good and bad.
- Nov. 12 Title: "Hold Fast to Your Faith"
Scripture: Job 2:1-13
Summary: When darkness descends, even our closest friends may tempt us to renounce our faith. This is the goal of the enemy, but God's goal is the opposite—to firm up our faith with no faltering.
Main Idea: Let not your faith falter when all else around you fails.
Application: Rest always in the unchanging character of God. The pillars of the earth may move, but God's character is unchanging according to Scripture. Trust in the revealed word of God, not felt emotions.
- Nov. 19 Title: "Suffering: Punishment or Refinement"
Scripture: Job 5:17
Supporting verses: Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5
Summary: Don't assume you understand the will of God in the suffering of his saints. Job's friends were "miserable comforters"¹ because they assumed they knew God's secret degree concerning Job's suffering. They were only partly right. Some suffering does result from sin, but not all suffering. Some suffering is for the glory of God (see Jn. 9:3). There is a difference between punishment and discipline. Let us be careful to help the saints of God discern the difference.
Main Idea: Suffering in the saints is a sign of sonship, not separation.
Application: Ponder the pain in your life. Repent of sin. Allow your righteousness to be refined, while yearning for the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Rejoice in a Father who disciplines with the purpose of purifying faith.
- Nov. 26 Title: "Then Yahweh Answered Job"
Scripture: Job 38-42
Summary: We should not assume that we know better how to run the universe than does God. Job has been questioning God's decisions regarding his life and his suffering. Now God questions Job. Job ends up deciding it's best to be silent.
Main Idea: God is the greatest governor of the world, not man. Therefore, surrender to his sovereign will while resting in his goodness. His grace will sustain you through suffering (see 2 Cor. 12:9).
Application: Repent of arrogant assumptions concerning God's governance of the world. Embrace humble trust in God's exercise of his reign. Accept his authority and delight in his good governance.

¹ Job 16:2.