

Job 1 Outline

From the Text:

- I. Job character is a character we should copy. Job is a great example of good character. vs 1-3
- II. Family time matters. We should spend time connecting with our tribe. It doesn't matter if that community is tied to us biologically or forged in honest friendship we should cover them with prayer. Vs 4-Vs 5
- III. Even bad things have to follow God's rules. Negative energy or evil things have to come under submission to the rule of God. Vs 6-12
- IV. Sometimes God elects or chooses us to go through the storms vs 6-12
- V. We can lament or be sad and still worship God vs 20-21
- VI. Pain doesn't give us permission to sin or do wrong vs 22

Behind the Text:

- I. Authorship is unknown
- II. Not written during Job's lifetime , Job was a historical figure
- III. UZ- Is not a land in Israel we should consider it as a land far away
- IV. The Hebrew is strange, it might even be considered as bad usage of Hebrew which suggest that it might not come from Israel.
- V. Structure: A Old Story mixed with Poetic Dialogue
- VI. Wisdom Literature (like Proverbs and Ecclesiastes) teaches how to deal with life
- VII. Themes connected to other ancient near eastern communities : 1. A conversation on suffering and divine justice. 2. The righteous suffer.
- VIII. God's ways , or wisdom is beyond human grasp

Question to consider

When life gets heavy or hard do you sit with your sadness and still hold space to worship God ?

How does it make you feel to know your human character or ability doesn't control the actions of God ? Is uncomfortable knowing we can't control God ? Imagine if God's actions aren't tied to how good you are