

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 1:6-12

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 3

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Job 1:4-5** has been helpful to you?

 2. Pray for wisdom and discernment as you read **Job 1:6-12**. What's your first reaction to this dialogue?

 3. a) Set the scene from **V6**. Who was there, and where do you think this conversation took place?

b) How are the angels described, and what are they doing in the Lord's presence according to **1 Kings 22:19** and **Psalms 89:5-7**?

 4. a) In **V7**, who initiated the conversation? What was the first question, and to whom was it directed?

b) What had Satan been doing? Read **1 Peter 5:8** for additional insight on his activities.

 5. How does Jesus describe Satan in **John 8:44**?
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6. a) Read **V8**. Put in your own words what the Lord asked Satan.

b) How is your assessment of the character of Job influenced by the Lord's description of him?

7. Why do you think the Lord suggested Job, and what do you think this could mean for Job?

8. a) From **V9-10**, what did Satan insinuate about Job and his prosperity?

b) Satan in Hebrew means “accuser.” How does his name reflect his character and his method of operation? See **Revelation 12:9-10** and **Zechariah 3:1** for more on Satan.

9. In **V11**, Satan throws down the gauntlet. How does he challenge Job’s relationship to God?

10. According to **V12**, how did this encounter between the Lord and Satan end? What limits did the Lord place on Satan?

11. What are your initial thoughts or feelings about God as you reflect on Job’s situation?

12. a) What aspect of God’s character are you struck by in this section of Scripture?

b) What aspect of Satan’s character is most unsettling?

Note: there is much mystery surrounding Satan, also called the devil. The next few questions will address what the Bible clearly states about him.

13. What is Satan's role in the world as confirmed in **1 John 5:19** and **Ephesians 2:1-3**?
14. From **Ephesians 6:11-12**, what is the real nature of the struggles we face, and how can we stand against the devil's schemes?
15. How might Satan appear according to **2 Corinthians 11:13-15**? How does this truth conflict with or confirm your understanding of him?
16. How has this Lesson given you a deeper understanding of "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" in general or specifically in your own life?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We get an even fuller picture of who Satan is when he tests Jesus.
 - a) Read **Matthew 4:1-11** and summarize what occurred in the wilderness.
 - b) What of the devil's tactics are apparent from his dealings with Jesus?
 - c) How did Jesus combat the taunts and lies of the devil?
 - d) In **V11**, what is the angels' role?
2. What do the following verses tell us about the angels' role in a believer's life?
 - **Hebrews 1:14**
 - **Psalms 91:11-12**
3. a) Find further encouragement as you write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Romans 8:38-39**
- b) Form a prayer based on these verses or any part of this Lesson.

