

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 1:13-19

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

LESSON 4

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Job1:6-12** has been helpful to you?

2. Pray and ask God for an open and teachable heart for what He wants to show as you read **Job 1:13-19**. What came to your mind as you read about Job's calamities?

3. a) What phrase do both **V6** and **V13** begin with, and what is its significance for Job?

b) What event was taking place in **V13** (see also **V4**)

4. In each of the following verses, what or who were the objects of Satan's attack, and what was the instrument of destruction he used?

V14-15:

V16:

V17:

V18-19:

5. a) In each instance, how is the news of the destruction suffered by Job reported to him? What do you find notable about the report?

b) Re-read **V13, 18-19**. Given the context laid out in **V4-5**, how would Satan's timing have deepened Job's grief?

6. How do you think Satan might have motivated the Sabeans and Chaldeans to accomplish these things against Job? For insight read Satan's way with Judas in **John 13:2, 27**.

7. a) What do you learn from these verses about Satan's ability to use natural forces?
(**Job 1:16** and **19**)

b) In our day, what are ways people interpret the cause of natural disasters?

8. a) After studying **Job 1:13-19**, what conclusions do you reach about Satan and how he works?

b) What was Satan's ultimate goal for Job (see **V11**)?

9. Like Job, no one is immune to trials and suffering in this life.

a) Soak in the truth of these selected verses that reveal something of the heart of God for those afflicted with trials. What will you take away from each verse?

Job 36:15 _____

Psalms 31:7 _____

Psalms 32:7 _____

Isaiah 48:10 _____

Lamentations 3:33 _____

b) These verses instruct us on enduring and learning from the trials of life. How do they encourage you?

Psalms 119:92 _____

John 16:33 _____

Romans 12:12 _____

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 _____

James 1:2-4 _____

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- c) Which of those verses is most meaningful in light of the particular trials you are facing and why?

10. This week's passage shouts, "**It's a job to be Job!**"

- a) How have Job's trials challenged your faith or view of God?

- b) What trials have you personally faced, or are currently facing, that have similarly challenged your faith or view of God?

11. What phrase or thought from **Romans 8:35-39** will you cling to?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Whether Satan attacks in external ways (through people or natural disasters) or in internal ways (through thoughts, doubts and temptations), how do the following verses coach you to respond?

- **Ephesians 6:13-20**

- **James 4:7**

2. Although Satan can wreak havoc and strike fear in us, what is very clear from **1 John 4:4**?

3. Identify an arena of the world or the church where you see the devil's influence. How can you pray for the Lord to be glorified in that arena?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **2 Corinthians 4:17**

- b) Form a prayer from that verse or any part of this Lesson.

