

# THE STORY OF JOB

## *A Summary of Job 1-42*

Job lived in a country called Uz. He had great number of cattle that numbered in the thousands. He had three daughters, seven sons, and even more servants. Job was considered a rich man.

Job was also a Godly man. Job did things that pleased God. He regularly prayed and asked God to bless him and forgive him for his sins. He built altars and made offerings to God.

When Job's sons grew up, they would have large feasts. The morning after each feast, Job would place offerings on the altar for all of his children.

Satan knew that God loved Job, and that Job loved God. God blessed Job with many friends, with wealth, and with happiness.

Satan did not like this. He complained to God one day about Job. Satan said that Job only serves him because he is blessing him. Satan also said that if Job had a lot of trouble, he would turn away from God.

Even though God knew that Satan was wrong, he allowed Satan to send Job a lot of trouble. And that is just what happened! Job's troubles began.

As Job's children were having a feast, a messenger brought bad news to Job. The messenger told Job that people came and stole all his donkeys and oxen and killed all the servants. He was the only one that got away.

Just then another servant came to tell Job some more bad news. He told Job that lightning had killed his sheep and more servants. He barely escaped too.

Along came another servant tell Job more bad news. He told Job that some other people stole his camels and killed the servants.

Then another servant came and told Job that a great wind blew down the house that his children were in and they all died.

As you can imagine, Job was very upset with all of this bad news. He tore his clothes and fell down on his face. Even though he was very upset, he never turned away from God like Satan thought he would.

Since all of these bad things did not make Job turn away from God, Satan made life miserable for Job. Satan thought that if he made life even harder for Job, that he would surely turn away from God.

Back when Job lived, people believed that bad things happened to people because God was punishing them for their sins. Satan thought that Job believed this too, so he caused ugly sores to break out on Job's body. Everyone was horrified; including his wife. She even told Job to curse God and die.

Job had three friends that came over to help him feel better. Even they thought that Job must have done something wrong. They thought God was punishing Job.

Then one day God spoke to Job. God told Job that he was upset with his three friends because they were wrong. Job had not done anything wrong. Job was not being punished by God.

God began to bless Job again. His sores went away. He grew richer than he was before. In fact, he soon had twice as much! God gave Job more children, servants, and animals.

Even when times were bad, Job trusted God.