

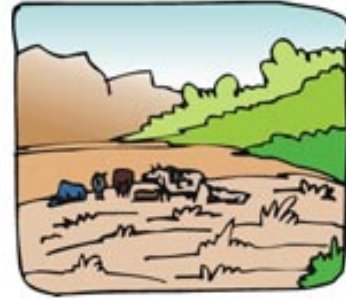
The Story of Job



There was a rich man named Job, who lived in the land of Uz. He was a good man. He always put God first in his life.

One day when God was talking with His angels, Satan dropped in. God asked Satan, "Have you ever seen such a good man as my servant, Job?"

Satan liked to argue with God and said, "Any one can be good when he has



everything a man could want. He has a home, family, cattle, great wealth. Besides all that, you don't let anything harm him. He doesn't have a clue what it is like to be miserable."

God was convinced nothing would stop Job from loving and honoring Him.

So Satan asked God, "Hey, let me prove to you that Job will be a big cry baby and start saying bad things about You the minute something goes wrong."



God replied, "Okay, but I know Job is faithful and that you can't turn him against Me. Do what you want, but don't hurt him."

So Satan rubbed his hands together and said, "Yes, I'm going to get Job!"

Job was sitting quietly, when one of his workers came running and said, "My master, these desert men killed all your servants but me and they drove away all your cattle."

While he was speaking another man came rushing up to Job and said, "Master, you'll



never believe it: all your shepherds except me were struck by lightning and killed."

Yet another man came running and yelling, "Sir, three bands of enemies have stolen all your camels and killed the men who were with them."

Finally the last messenger arrived crying, "Oh no, all your children have been killed. A gigantic wind blew the house down on them."

In one day, Job lost everything but his wife



and his life. He went from rich to poor in just a few hours.

Did Job get angry with God? No! He fell down on his face and said to God, "With nothing I came into the world and with nothing I shall leave it. The Lord gave and now the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

With all that went wrong, Job didn't blame God or stop loving or trusting God.



God called to Satan, "See, you couldn't make Job hate me! There is no man more perfect than Job."

Satan said, "Trust me, if you'll let me hurt him, so that he's in pain, he'll start calling You bad words."

God really didn't want Satan to hurt Job, so He said, "Go ahead and make him uncomfortable, but don't kill him."

Satan zapped Job with huge sores from his



head to his feet. He was miserable, but he still wouldn't blame God or say anything mean about God.

Job's wife tried to convince him that he should curse God and die, but Job just couldn't do that. He loved God.

Then three of Job's best friends came to cheer him; Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar.

They weren't much help. They all thought Job had done something terrible and God



was punishing him. In those days, if anything went wrong in your life, people thought you had done something bad, which angered God. But Job knew he hadn't done anything wrong and that God wasn't angry with him.

Eliphaz said, "Face it, Job, you did something mighty wrong and God's getting even with you."

Bildad encouraged him saying, "Come on, tell us what you did. Then ask God to forgive you



or you might as well die.”

Zophar added, “Job you did wrong and God’s upset. Get the message.”

Job was beginning to wonder why God had allowed this to happen.

Then a younger man named Elihu said: “Maybe God isn’t angry with Job. Maybe there is another lesson to be learned. Job shouldn’t be too hasty to think God left him.”



Then God spoke to Job directly, “Can you begin to know My greatness? Can you instruct Me?”

Job got the message. He didn’t need to know why things happened; he just needed to keep trusting God and God’s love for him.

God then gave Job health, double the wealth, and a long happy life.

The lesson is to always trust God!

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Questions for discussion

1. Have you ever taken something that didn’t belong to you?
2. How did you feel?
3. Did you give it back?
4. What did Achan do?
5. What happened to Achan?
6. Even if you think no one is watching when you take something that does not belong to you, who always sees you?