

# Surviving Satan's Attacks (Job 1)

## Spiritual Warfare – Part 8

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1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV2011) *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NIV2011) *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God and avoid evil in life

Job 1:1 (NIV2011) *In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.*

Job 1:2-3 (NIV2011) *He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.*

### 2. Understand the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_

Job 1:6-7 (NIV2011) *One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."*

#### 2A. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous

Job 1:8 (NIV2011) *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."*

#### 2B. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous

Job 1:9-10 (NIV2011) *"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?"*

*You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.*

### 2C. The Lord allows \_\_\_\_\_ to test believers

Job 1:11-12 (NIV2011) *But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

### 2D. The Lord's test brings \_\_\_\_\_

Job 1:13-19 (NIV2011) *One day ... a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword ... While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants... While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. ... While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead ...*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of suffering

Job 1:20 (NIV2011) *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship*

#### 3A. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's sovereignty

Job 1:21 (NIV2011) *and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."*

#### 3B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God with wrong doing

Job 1:22 (NIV2011) *In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

# Surviving Satan's Attacks (Job 1) Study Guide

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Intro. In order to resist Satan's attacks, what must we do (1 Peter 5:8-9)?

Why is it that even if we resist Satan, we may still suffer under his attacks?

What does 1 Peter 4:12-13 say is the purpose of suffering and fiery ordeals?

What are the two ways that people may suffer (1 Peter 4:15-16)? Which suffering brings glory to God?

1A. What does Job 1:1 make clear about Job's character? What is wrong with prosperity teaching that Job's suffering was a result of his own sin?

1B. Why was God's blessing upon Job's life (Job 1:2-3)?

1C. What can we learn from Job's life described thus far to apply to our own?

2A. What do you think that Satan does as he roams the earth (Job 1:6-7)?

2B. What is the Lord's opinion of Job (Job 1:8)? Why do you think the Lord asks Satan to consider Job?

2C. What is Satan's accusation against Job's faith (Job 1:9-10)?

2D. What does Job 1:11-12 indicate about God's sovereignty over Satan? How did Satan and God respectively expect Job to respond to the test?

2E. Why do you think that God allowed such a severe test of Job (Job 1:13-19)?

2F. What does Job's test by Satan tell us about Satan's power?

2G. How would you answer the question "Why do bad things happen to good people?" in light of Job's story?

3A. What is amazing about Job's response to Satan's attack (Job 1:20)?

3B. How would you describe Job's faith and understanding of God from Job 1:21?

3C. What was Job's temptation in this test (Job 1:22)? Why do you think he passed the test? What was the end result of Job's testing (Job 42:10)?

3D. How can Job's example help you deal with Satan's attacks and suffering in your own life?