

# The Test: Job, God & Satan

## JOB 1:1-12



- the suffering believer
- the book of Job

### THERE LIVED A MAN

- model believer (vv. 1, 5) <sup>1</sup>
- blessed life (vv. 2-4) <sup>2</sup>

### THERE WAS A DAY

- the heavenly assembly (vv. 6-7) <sup>3</sup>
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## Job 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He had seven sons and three daughters, <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

<sup>6</sup> One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. <sup>7</sup> 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."

<sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. <sup>10</sup> "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. <sup>11</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Lamentations 4:21; Job 29, 31; Ezekiel 14:14, 20

<sup>2</sup> Ruth 4:15; Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28; Ephesians 1:3

<sup>3</sup> E.g., the "sons of God" (angels) are mentioned elsewhere in Genesis 6:2; Psalm 29:1; 89:6.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 22:31; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 1:6

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