



The Gospel According to Job

December 28: When Satan Attacks: Job 1:13-22

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What was the literary viewpoint of the author in Job 1:6-12?

What was the frequent activity of Job's children? What were his concerns about them?

Job 1:13-15

Is Job suggesting there is a problem with eating or drinking?

Proverbs 23:20-21 Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.

Who are the Sabeans?

Isaiah 45:14 Thus says the LORD: "The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will plead with you, saying: 'Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.'"

How does the disaster that overtakes Job begin?

Job 1:16

Is this fire from God?

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

Job 1:17

Who are the Chaldeans?

Job 1:18-19

What is the climactic final disaster? Is this actually worse than the problems that follow?

How must Job feel about these disasters coming in rapid succession?

Job 9:17-18 For he crushes me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause; he will not let me get my breath, but fills me with bitterness.

Job 1:20

What is Job's first reaction? Is this what you would expect?

Ezra 9:3-5 As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God,

Job 1:21

What are the three parts of Job's response?

What does Job's response mean?

Ecclesiastes 5:15 As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

Should our reaction be the same at moments of loss?

Is Satan right about Job?

Job 1:22

How does the author evaluate Job? What easy reaction does Job avoid?

What can we learn from this situation?

Romans 9:20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"