

The Faithfulness of Job

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I would like to share an interesting story about a man from the Old Testament named Job. Job was a man with great riches; 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, 500 donkeys and many servants to care for all of these animals and take care of Job's needs. Job was also blessed with a wife, 3 daughters and 7 sons, but most of all he had an amazing relationship with God. He loved God and never left Him. One day, Job caught the attention of Satan, who wanted to ruin the relationship between Job and God. Satan offered a challenge to God to see if the strong love towards God would last if Job didn't have all his earthly treasures. God knew that Job's love was a faithful love.

God allowed for Satan to take away Job's earthly treasures but not to touch Job physically so Satan began by killing off all of Job's children and animals. All of Job's possessions were destroyed in an instant but Job continued to trust God, because he understood that this could all be part of God's plan and control. Job said "I cannot accept the good things God gives me without accepting the bad". Satan challenged God by saying "of course Job has not cursed you yet because you didn't hurt him physically, but if you did, he would curse you".

God allowed for Satan to take away Job's health but not to kill him so Satan began by giving Job leprosy and scars all over Job's body, which brought on severe, agonizing pain. Job continued to be faithful to God but seeing Job's pain, Job's wife said "curse God and die so you can stop suffering" but Job refused to curse God and continued to be faithful. Even Job's best friends traveled from far away to support Job and sit with him while he suffered, but they also spent the time telling Job that he must have somehow disobeyed God because of all that was happening to him. Even through all of this, Job remained faithful to God and understood that God was in charge and that what God was allowing to happen was God's choice. Job refused to curse God because his love towards God was real, no matter what Satan, his wife or his friends said. After all of this, God blessed Job with more riches than he had before and showed Job that God Himself is also faithful.

This story is an amazing reminder to me that I should always trust God and depend on Him, no matter the circumstances in my life. This story has changed me in that when I go through difficult or stressful times, I can always remember that God is with me and that I don't have to worry. God is faithful in His love and blessings so I will be faithful to God, as Job was.