



Message Four: THE JOB STORY
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One of my duties as your pastor is to prepare you in mind and heart not to curse God in the day of your storm. But even more—that instead of cursing you might worship God and bless him as your free and sovereign Father no matter how intense the grief or deep the pain he brings into your life. Because of this, our grasp of the book of Job is crucial to this preparation. Today, in one message, we will work our way through “The Job Story.”

JOB – REVERENT IN HIS STORM (1:1-2:10)

Job was a **righteous** and **blessed** man.

God grants **Satan’s** request to put Job’s commitment to the test.

Job 1:20-21, At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 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.” (NIV)

God grants Satan’s second request to **attack** Job with **physical affliction**.

Job 2:9-10, His wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!” He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” (NIV)

JOB – WRESTLING WITH HIS STORM (2:11-31:35)

Three “friends” (Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar) come to “comfort” Job.

“Job, you have hidden **sin** in your life.”

“You are **not** who you profess.”

“You are not **committed** to the Lord.”

Job 31:35, Oh, that I had someone to hear me! I sign now my defense—let the Almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing. (NIV)

JOB – REBUKED IN HIS STORM (32- 37)

Elihu, a young man, enters the Job story and is **angry** at what he has been observing.

He confronts the “friends” over the emptiness of their words and their limited understanding of the ways of God.

He confronts Job for justifying himself at God's expense. God was NOT Job's enemy. God is in fact Job's loving Father.

At the end, Job is **silent**.

JOB – REVELATION OF GOD IN HIS STORM (38-41)

God breaks his silence, and his reply is not that of a Shepherd but of a Sovereign King:

Job 38: 1-4, Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: “Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. (NIV)

Job is left **speechless** before God.

Job 41: 1-4, "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!" Then Job answered the LORD: "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth." (NIV)

JOB – THE REVERSAL OF HIS STORM (42)

Job's response to God's revelation of himself...

Job 42: 1-6, Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." (NIV)

Job is **double** restored at the end of his storm.

Five "takeaways" from the Job Story...

1. God is infinitely **wise** and absolutely **sovereign**.
2. God's aim is to **magnify** his worth in our lives.
3. Satan's aim is to take away our **joy** in God.
4. Satan's work is ultimately **God's** work.
5. Answers are nice, but a **revelation** of God is better.