

JOB'S SUFFERING

JOB 1:1-3, 1:6-22, 2:5-7

LEARN THE WORD

Hebrews 11:1 & 6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

- God is in control. He is sovereign over good things, bad things, weather, sickness, death—everything!
- Because Job trusted God, he could worship Him even in hard times.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friends are all talking about the destruction of an earthquake or some other disaster, and you realize they don't believe that God would ever have anything to do with something that terrible?

What could you say?

The Bible says over and over that God is the Creator of the universe and He controls all of it. If we don't believe God is in control, why would we pray for a sunny day or for more rain when it's dry? Why would we pray that our sick friends get well? Listen to your own prayers, and I think you'll agree that God is in control of everything! The disasters we have on earth are the result of man's sin. But one day, God will make a new heaven and earth where there will be no death, disasters, disease, or sadness.

Activity: Word Search.

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**JOB, GOD, SATAN, DONKEYS, SHEEP, OXEN,
SERVANTS, DAUGHTERS, CAMELS, SONS**

HOMEWORD
FOR PARENTS

God’s sovereignty is the theme of the book of Job. The book opens with a glimpse into the relationship between God and Satan. God controls Satan and uses him to accomplish his purposes on the earth. Satan can do only what God allows him to do—and in this account, God allowed Satan to test and afflict Job (Job 1:6, 1:8, 1:12, 2:6).

Many people today insist that a loving God would not let innocent people suffer. They have no concept of their own sinfulness, nor do they understand the holiness of God—that He can’t tolerate any disobedience against Him. Instead, these people make a god in their imaginations to suit their own desires and reject what the Bible clearly teaches—there are no innocent people (Ecclesiastes 7:20); all of mankind has sinned (Romans 3:23); and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

In spite of our own sinfulness, God is still in control. We know that all things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28), that our God is in heaven and does all that He pleases (Psalm 115:3), that He works all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11), and that both good and bad proceed from the mouth of the Most High (Lamentations 3:38).

These are important lessons as we walk through our own trials. Job demonstrated a remarkable faith and trust in the midst of severe pain and sorrow. Through the same trust in the sovereignty of God, we too can withstand the refining fire of the Master.