

Job 1:1-5

God is Enough

Intro to Job

Job 1:1 There was a man in the country of Uz named Job. He was a man of complete integrity, who feared God and turned away from evil.

Job 1:2 He had seven sons and three daughters.

Job 1:3 His estate included seven thousand sheep and goats, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large number of servants. Job was the greatest man among all the people of the east.

Job 1:4 His sons used to take turns having banquets at their homes. They would send an invitation to their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

Job 1:5 Whenever a round of banqueting was over, Job would send for his children and purify them, rising early in the morning to offer burnt offerings for all of them. For Job thought, "Perhaps my children have sinned, having cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular practice.

Takeaway: We'll never come to know the reason for suffering. This is because the Book of Job is not primarily about human suffering. The Book of Job is about God. Looking back from this side of the cross of Jesus, we know the compassion and mercy of God is enough.

Discussion questions:

1. What does our culture say is the reason for great material blessings? What does the Bible say is the reason for great gain?
2. The theme of the Book of Job is *God is enough*. What challenges us to believe and live that truth?
3. In our modern context, what does complete integrity look like?
4. What does it mean to fear God?
5. Job's regular practice was to offer sacrifice on behalf of his sons. What should be our regular practice on behalf of those we love and care for?