

Job

THE OLD TESTAMENT * Week 21

Opening & Closing Prayer: #55. *For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement*, BCP 831

- I. Three divisions of Old Testament: Law, Writings, Prophets
- II. Job: The Story
 - A. 1:1 – “No one like him!” Interceding for his children as “His regular custom”
 - B. 1:6-13 – Heavenly Court with angels and Satan.
 - C. 1:13-22 – Job loses everything, yet responds, “Naked I came...”
 - D. 2:1-6 – Heavenly court again.
 - E. 2:7-10 – Boils and wife, but he still trusts.
 - F. 2:11-chapter 37 – “Friends,”
 - G. Chapters 38-41 – God speaks.
 - H. Chapter 42 – Job repents, and God re-blesses him.
- III. Problem of pain – “Theodicy” –
 - A. They don’t...
 - B. Job for 26 chapters.
 - C. Job unaware of Satan (Job 9:24). “Satan” = “enemy”
 - D. We don’t know, and God may not tell us.
- IV. Takeaways:
 - A. Righteousness does not guarantee success or ease: Job 1
 - B. “Satan” = “the adversary/enemy” 1 Peter 4:12 “Do NOT be surprised...”
 - C. God is not the only spirit at work in the world: Job 1-2
 - 1. God puts us in game to win: Job 1-2
 - 2. And God allows us to face troubles to
 - a) Teach us perseverance and discipline.
 - b) And to float the immaturity in us to the surface.

- D. Just because we have a “spiritual experience” doesn’t mean it’s a “HOLY Spiritual experience.” Job 4:12-5:1
 - E. God is sovereign. He does what he pleases (Psalm 115:3; Job 23:13).
 - F. Friends don’t have to say anything or “help”. Job 6:14-15
 - G. When in difficulty, we need Jesus: Job 9:16, 33-35
 - H. Bottom Line: “Who are we to question God?”
- V. Great Job Sound Bites
- A. Job 1:8 – “Have you..?”
 - B. Job 1:21 – “Naked I came...”
 - C. Job 3:25 – “What I have feared...”
 - D. Job 4:15 – “...Hair stood on end.”
 - E. Job 13:15 – “Though he slay me...”
 - F. Job 19:17 – “My breath..”
 - G. Job 19:20 – “Skin of my teeth.”
 - H. Job 19:25 – “I know that my redeemer lives...”
 - I. Job 28:28 – “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”
 - J. Job 29:10 – “May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth.”
 - K. Job 29:15 – “I was an eye to the blind...”
 - L. Job 31:1 – “I made a covenant with my eyes...”
 - M. Job 33:2 – “The tip of my tongue.”

Preparation for next week: Read Psalms 31-60