

“Hast Thou Considered My Servant”

Job 1:6-12

The book of Job is about the life of a “servant” of God. The key to understanding this book and to understanding why God allows His children to go through things like Job went through is to understand what a servant is. God knows who can endure the trials of life, and He has promised us that we won’t have to go through anything He doesn’t already know we can handle – something, you think Satan would have known.

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I. SATAN HATES THEM – VS. 6-7

A. Vs. 6 - Satan is called the “accuser of the brethren” because of just what took place here, recorded for us in the book of Job

Revelation 12:10

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Zechariah 3:1-2

¹ And he shewed me Joshua the high priest

standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

² And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

B. Vs. 7 – Although Satan cannot be every present at the same time, like God can, he can travel, as it were, at the speed of light, which allows him the opportunity to be in a lot of places in a short period of time

Luke 10:17-18

¹⁷ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

¹⁸ And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

¹³ For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

C. The reason he does all this is because he hates all of God's creation, but he has a special hatred for God's children, and he is constantly roaming the earth looking for things to accuse us of in hopes that that will persuade the Lord to remove His protection from us

II. GOD PROTECTS AND PROVIDES FOR THEM – VS. 8-10

A. Vs. 8 - This is especially true of those He considers His servants – not necessarily of those that consider themselves His servants but those that HE considers His servants

Numbers 12:7-8

⁷ My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

⁸ With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

Psalm 89:20

²⁰ I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

Isaiah 42:1 (speaking of the Messiah)

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

1. "None like him in the earth" – what an amazing thing to say about a person – can that be said of us?
2. "A perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil"
 - a) "Perfect" – integrity, morally pious
 - b) "Upright" – just, right in an ethical way; walking the right path
 - c) "Feareth God" – being afraid
 - d) "Escheweth evil" – not just hating it, but

turning away from it, running from it

B. Vs. 9 – Satan will always look for reasons to persecute God’s children, and Job was no different. What was different, in Job’s case, is the severity with which Satan was allowed to persecute him – all so that we could know God will never leave us nor forsake us.

Deuteronomy 31:6–8

⁶ Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

⁷ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

⁸ And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1. “Doth Job fear God” – a rhetorical question
2. “For nought” – for nothing – Satan was saying that the reason Job feared God was because there wasn’t anything in his life that would make him question God – it’s easy to be His servant when all is going good, Satan was saying

- a) The word for “naught” here is the word *gratis* – that is, devoid of cost, to cost nothing
- b) Has serving the Lord cost us anything? If not, it will.

C. Vs. 10 – Although Satan was using this point for his own advantage, and to bring suffering to Job, it shows us just what God does for us on a constant basis, for if it were not for what is described in this verse, Satan would surely destroy us all, and all that we have.

- 1. “Made an hedge” – a wall of protection against the enemies outside the hedge

Psalm 5:12

¹² For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm 34:7

⁷ The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

- 2. “About him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side” – what a blessing to know that God not only protects us, but, if we are His servant, living for Him, He will protect all that is ours because of it.
- 3. Not only did God protect Job and his family, because of Job, but He blessed “the work of his hands”

Genesis 26:12

¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Deuteronomy 7:13

¹³ And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Proverbs 10:22

²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

4. "And his substance is increased in the land" – although Satan was allowed to take all this away, it is wonderful to know that God provides for His servants in a remarkable way

III. THEY WILL BE TRIED – VS. 11-12

A. Vs. 11 – Satan can't touch a child of God without God allowing it. How we react to God allowing it is what shows to the world that we are a servant of God.

B. Vs. 12 – God allowed Satan to try Job only because He knew that Job would be able to handle it without blaming God.

Conclusion: What about us? Are we only serving the Lord because it hasn't cost us anything? Are we doing it "for nought?" The one thing to remember, no matter what happens in our life, as a child of God, He allowed it only because He knows we can endure

it, and it will be for His glory and our benefit later.

Job 23:10

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

1 Peter 1:7

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.