

The Book of Job
Maintaining Worship in the Midst of Trouble (Pt 1)
Job 1:1-22 (page 338)

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Introduction to the Book of Job

The *Time* of the Book of Job: 2000 - 1800 BC

The *Author* of the Book of Job: uncertain

The *Theme* of the Book of Job: God is worthy of my worship

Job demonstrates that God is worthy of my worship:

- when things are good (Job 1:1-5)
- when things are bad (Job 1:6-37:24)
- when I am confused and disillusioned (Job 38:1-41:34)
- because He is God and I am not (Job 42)

Godly character will not go unnoticed (Job 1:1-10)

It is reflected:

- in my lifestyle (v 1)
- through my family (v 2, 4-5)
- in my stewardship (v 3)

A godly character will be noticed:

- by God (v 8)
- by Satan as well (vs 9-10)

Godly character *does not preclude adversity* (Job 1:11-22)

We have an enemy:

- who seeks our defection (v 11)
- whose power is limited by God's authority (v 12)

Adversity:

- may come in the form of personal loss (vs 13-19)
- reveals our true character (vs 20-22)

Point: I can blame God or I can worship God

Getting personal...

What area of my life needs to come more fully under God's control? My character? My family? My possessions and wealth? Explain. _____

What is my first response when adversity comes into my life? Is my response characterized by *blaming* God or by *worshipping* God? What would I desire it to be? How can that happen?
