

The Book of Job
Maintaining Worship in the Midst of Trouble (Pt 2)
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A godly character does not preclude suffering
(Job 2:1-13)

- While we have an adversary who seeks our destruction, we need to remember that we have a God who is sovereign over life (vs 4-6; John 8:44)

- Suffering may come in the form of loss of our health or physical distress (vs 7-8; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

- Suffering will surface our true character - we can become:
 - Bitter and angry with God (v 9; Hebrews 12:15)
 - Accepting and humble before God (v 10; 2 Samuel 16:5-13)

- Suffering surfaces friends to sympathize and comfort (vs 11-13; Romans 12:15)

A godly character does not preclude times of depression or confusion
(Job 3:1-26; 1 Kings 19:9-18)

- We may question our very existence (vs 1-10)

- We may ask "Why?" (vs 11-19)

- We long for release from the pain and even death seems preferable to our suffering (vs 20-26)

Think it through...

Can you think of a recent time when you experienced suffering?
How did you respond? Was it with bitterness and anger toward God...or acceptance and humility before God? _____

Have you experienced a time of confusion and uncertainty over your situation and/or future? How did you regain your perspective? How did the Scriptures help see your circumstances in a new light - or did they? _____

