



"The Suffering Servant" (Job)
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I. JOB'S CONCERN (1:5)

* Job loves his children, and he does not want to see anything happen to them.

II. JOB'S CONSECRATION (1:8)

III. JOB'S CONSIDERATION (1:8)

* His consideration is a result of his consecration. The more consecrated we are to the Lord, the more Satan would love to get his evil hands on us!

* I Peter 5: 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

IV. JOB'S CATASTROPHE (1:9-19)

V. JOB'S CONFESSION (1:20-22)

VI. JOB'S CONFUSION (Read chapter 2:1-10; 3:1-2, 11, 20-21, 25-26)

* This is the majority of the book

* See 4:6, 17; 6:1a, 14-17; 8:1-6; 10:1-7; 11:1-4, 14-16; 12:1a, 4; 14:1; 15:1-6; 16:1-3; 17:1-2; 18:1-2; 19:1-3; 20:1-3; 21:34; 22:1a, 4-5; 23:1-5; 25:1a; 26-31:40b; 32-35:16 (note: A storm begins to brew as Elihu speaks).

VII. JOB'S CONFRONTATION

* 38:1-7, 31-35

* vv.31-32 In [astronomy](#), the **Pleiades**, or Seven Sisters ([Messier object 45](#)), is an [open star cluster](#) containing middle-aged hot [B-type stars](#) located in the constellation of [Taurus](#). It is among the

nearest [star clusters](#) to Earth and is the cluster most obvious to the [naked eye](#) in the [night sky](#). **Orion**, often referred to as "**The Hunter**," is a prominent [constellation](#) located on the [celestial equator](#) and visible throughout the world. It is one of the largest, most conspicuous, and most recognizable constellations in the night sky. The sun is closest star to us, 93,000,000; If you carved out the middle of the sun, you could fit 1,300,000 earths inside with room to spare. Antares can hold 64 of our suns, or 1,300,000 earths; a star in the constellation "Hercules" can hold 100,000,000 Antares; Epsilon, the largest star that we know of, can hold between 2 and 3 million Hercules!!

* 39:19-21, 26-27; 40:1-10; 41:1-2, 33-34; 42:1-6, 7-17.

* Job is in the midst of a cosmic conflict that he cannot see, much less totally comprehend. Besides this, he is finite, with the mind of a man and not the mind of God. His perspective is limited, whereas God's perspective is unlimited...

VIII. JOB'S CONCLUSION

* Eight is the number of new beginnings

* Job, after all he had endured, prays for his friends, the same friends that had misunderstood & maligned him. That is called maturity. Or another way to put it would be character - the character of God.

* See Romans 5:1-5

And at the end Job is blessed more than he could have ever imagined.

IX. LESSONS

A. Sometimes There Is No Earthly Explanation To Human Suffering

* "Actually, the mystery of human suffering is not fully explained."

* "When the end of the book of Job comes, there is no answer written out. There is nothing there that would satisfy the logical mind."

* John 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

* Note: The Jews/disciples could not comprehend a suffering Messiah.

* Isaiah 53: 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

B. We Must Be Very Careful In Our Judgment Of Why Someone Is Suffering.

* There are people in this fellowship who love the Lord, yet are plagued daily with suffering that to me makes no sense whatsoever.

* Note: The best thing we can do for someone who is suffering and there is no earthly explanation is to simply "be there" for them. Job's friends started out his way (see 2:11-13).

C. There Is Always An End To The Suffering Of The Saints

* I Peter 5: 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

* Romans 8: 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

* II Cor.1:8-11