

Job: God's Purpose in Suffering

Sunday Evening, June 12

1. Satan's Purpose: Suffering Proves Selfishness (1:9)

A. Job's Prosperity (1:1-5)

B. Job's Adversity (1:6-2:13)

2. Christian Friends' Purpose: Suffering Punishes Sin (4:7)

A. First Cycle of Debates (4-14)

1) Eliphaz and Job (4-7)

2) Bildad and Job (8-10)

3) Zophar and Job (11-14)

B. Second Cycle of Debates (15-21)

1) Eliphaz and Job (15-17)

2) Bildad and Job (18-19)

3) Zophar and Job (20-21)

C. Third Cycle of Debates (22-31)

1) Eliphaz and Job (22-24)

2) Bildad and Job (25-31)

3. Another Christian Friends' Purpose: Suffering Profits Believers (Elihu's Speeches 32-37)

A. Job's Three Friends: Job was suffering because of sin

B. Elihu: Job sinned because of his suffering (33:13)

4. The Suffering Believer's (Job) Purpose: Suffering Punishes Believers (Unfairly) (19:7)

A. Job is an example of how to suffer in chapters 1-2

B. Job is an example of how not to suffer in chapters 3-31

5. God's Purpose: Suffering Perfects Believers (38-42:6)

A. God's First Speech (38-40:5) Job's response was silence.

B. God's Second Speech (40:6-42:6) Job's response was repentance when he had no wealth, family, health, nor friends.