

# **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.*