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## THE 5 TESTS OF JOB'S FAITH

(Job 1:6-12)

### 1. TEST OF PROSPERITY

Rich spiritually: (1:1) "that man was blameless and upright, feared God and shunned evil"

Rich in children: (v2) "7 sons and 3 daughters were born to him"

Rich in substance: (v3) "his possessions were ..."

Rich in servants: (v3) "and a very large household"

Rich in the land: (v3) "this man was the greatest of all the people of the East"

Job remains faithful: (v5) "he would rise early ... offer burnt offerings ... regularly"

Our prosperity will test us: (1 Timothy 6:6-12, v17-19)

### 2. TEST OF POVERTY - Satan throws the opposite at Job

Loss of substance: (1:13-17) "stolen ... fire ... took them away ... killed"

Loss of children: (v18-20) "house, it fell on the young people, and they are dead"

Loss of health: (2:4-8) "and struck Job with painful boils"

(1:20 and 2:10) "in all this Job did not sin with his lips"

Our loss of possessions will test us: (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:15)

### 3. TEST OF PERSECUTION

His wife: (2:9-10) "Curse God and die"

His 3 friends: (2:11-13) "... came to mourn and comfort him ... wept ... sprinkled dust on their heads ... 7 days ... silence ... saw that his grief was great"

Their mourning and comforting silence did not last long.

Eliphaz: (4:7-8) "those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same"

Bildad: (8:3-6) "If you were pure and upright ..."

Zophar: (11:1-6) "know therefore that God exacts from you less than your iniquity deserves" ("You deserve worse, Job")

With friends like that, who needs enemies? Job answers in chapter 19.

### 4. TEST OF PERPLEXITY

It's one thing to maintain faith when everything makes sense; however, it is quite another when seemingly nothing makes sense.

(Job 13:15) "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (note James 5:11)

### 5. TEST OF POWER

Now Job's "friends" are in need of forgiveness from Job.

The story concludes: (Job 42:7-17)

A blessing in the teaching of Jesus: (Matthew 5:10-12)