

## **Have You Considered My Servant Job? Job 1:6-12 Explained**

### **Scriptures for Today: Job 1:6-12**

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Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.""

### **Introduction — The Curtain Pulled Back**

Job 1:6–12 is one of the most revealing passages in all the Bible. In one moment, God pulls back the curtain of heaven and lets us see something we normally never see.

Job is on earth living his life. But in heaven, a conversation is happening about him. And that changes everything.

Because what is happening in your life may not begin on earth. There are conversations going on in heaven about you. This is not the only reality here on this earth. There's more.

### **Verse 6 — A Heavenly Assembly?**

#### **""Job 1:6**

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.""

This is one of those moments where God pulls back the curtain and lets us see what is really going on.

There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. Throughout Scripture, men are called sons of God. Israel was called God's son. Believers are called sons of God. Men were commanded to appear before the LORD at appointed times. They didn't travel into the third heaven to appear before God.

So this language in the Holy Bible does not require angels walking into the third heaven. People will teach that this is talking about angels going into the third heaven and Satan with them who is also the leader of the fallen angels or devils.

I believe what we are seeing here is God revealing the spiritual reality behind earthly events.

Satan comes also among them. That doesn't mean he runs the meeting. It doesn't mean he shares the throne. It means the adversary is present within human affairs and God is showing us what is happening behind the scenes.

The point of the verse is not geography. It is authority. Satan is not running a rival kingdom like many people believe. Satan is not equal to God. He is a creation of God who decided to rebel against God. And you get that same choice too. Satan doesn't have power equal to God. He may be a ruler of this evil world, but the heavens are far above Satan.

Even the adversary answers God. God has all power and all authority. There is no struggle of power between God and Satan. There is no tug-of-war between equal powers. There is one throne and one God over all of creation. And always remember that Satan is a creation. He doesn't come close to the Almighty God. So, again, one God only. That's it.

And whatever is happening in Job's life is seen by the Almighty God. Whatever is happening in your life is seen by the Almighty God.

### **Verse 7 — Satan's Activity**

#### **""Job 1:7**

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.""

God asks the question. Not because He lacks knowledge. He knows all things. Whence comest thou or where did you come from? God knows, but God reveals these things to us in His words.

Satan describes his activity: "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." He is roaming. Searching. Observing. IN THE EARTH. Walking up and down IN IT. The Bible doesn't say Satan went to the third heaven. The Bible is clearly telling us that Satan is operating in the earth or in this world that we live in.

#### **""Exodus 34:23**

Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.""

They weren't teleporting into the third heaven to appear before the throne of God in the third heaven. There are other Scriptures teaching the same thing. Men presenting themselves before the Lord or Satan presenting himself before the Lord doesn't equal those men or Satan being in the third heaven.

Peter later echoes this same thing about the location of Satan:

**""1 Peter 5:8**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ""

Satan is active. He isn't in hell. He isn't the king over hell. He isn't in the third heaven where God dwells. His location in these Scriptures clearly shows he does his work here in this world.

And notice that he gives his report to God. When God asks, he reports. God is in charge here. Satan isn't in charge. He does not act independently of divine allowance. He is only able to do what he does because God allows Satan to operate in this world.

You can see how God allows Satan to operate with Job. You can see one of the reasons God allows Satan to continue at this time. God limits Satan. He doesn't allow Satan to do whatever he wants to do. God is in power. God is in control.

## **Verse 8 — God Brings Up Job**

**""Job 1:8**

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? ""

God brings up Job. Satan is not the one who brings Job into the conversation here. God does. God initiates the conversation. "Hast thou considered my servant Job?"

That is stunning. God calls Job: 1) My servant, 2) Perfect, 3) Upright, 4) One that feareth God, 5) One that escheweth evil. "Perfect" here does not mean sinless. It means complete, whole, mature, sound, blameless in integrity. Job is a good man. He's not sinless. Job is a sinner. The Bible says so. Job is weak through his flesh just as we are all weak through this flesh.

God publicly commends Job. Job FEARS God because he knows God.

But imagine heaven hearing that testimony. This is not self-declared righteousness. This is God's assessment of Job. And it's 100% truth. He is an upright man. Escheweth evil means that he hates evil.

## **Verse 9–10 — Satan's Accusation**

**""Job 1:9–10**

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ""

Satan questions motive. “Doth Job fear God for nought?” In other words: Of course he serves you. You pay him. You protect him. You bless him.

Satan reveals something here — there was a hedge. God had protection around Job. Around his house. Around his possessions. Around everything. Protection is real. Blessing is real. But Satan argues that Job’s obedience is transactional.

Remove the blessing. Remove the protection. And his loyalty will collapse. This is the ancient accusation against all believers: You only serve God because it benefits you.

### **Verse 11 — The Challenge**

**""Job 1:11**

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.""

Satan claims: Take it away. He will curse you. The word “curse” here is severe — to renounce, to reject.

Satan believes suffering will expose hypocrisy. He assumes loyalty depends on comfort.

### **Verse 12 — Limited Authority**

**""Job 1:12**

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.""

God allows testing. But with limits. “All that he hath is in thy power.” But not Job’s body. Not yet.

Satan’s authority is permitted — not independent. This verse destroys the idea that Satan operates outside divine sovereignty.

Even in testing, God sets boundaries.

### **Practical Applications**

1. **Do not assume every trial is punishment.** Job’s suffering was not discipline for sin. It was testing permitted by God. When hardship comes, do not immediately conclude that God is angry. Sometimes heaven is proving something through you.
2. **Your faith must not depend on the hedge.** Satan’s accusation was that Job only feared God because of protection and blessing. Ask yourself honestly — would you still serve God if the hedge came down? If your obedience depends on comfort, it is fragile.

3. **Remember that Satan has limits.** In this passage, God set boundaries. “Only upon himself put not forth thine hand.” The enemy could not move beyond what was permitted. That means even in trial, there is a line the adversary cannot cross unless God allows it.
4. **God’s testimony about you matters more than circumstances around you.** Before the trial began, God declared who Job was. The storm did not change that. If God has declared you His, suffering does not erase your identity.

## Conclusion

Would you serve God if the hedge came down? God protects us. But if that protection went away, would you continue to serve God? That is the issue of Job 1.

Is your obedience conditional? Do you only serve God when He keeps you and protects you?

Or, is your faith tied to prosperity?

Job is about to lose: Wealth, Children, Security. And he does not know why. But God knows why.

You may be in a battle you do not understand. It may not be punishment. It may not be failure.

It may be a test that proves your faith is not for sale. Do not assume hardship equals God is absent.

God was closer to Job than ever — even while allowing the test.

Job 1:6–12 shows us something terrifying and comforting at the same time. Terrifying — because spiritual warfare is real.

Comforting — because nothing happens outside God’s boundaries. God knew Job. God defended Job. God limited Satan.

And through suffering, Job’s faith would shine brighter than comfort ever could.

The real question is not: Why does suffering come? The real question is: Is your faith real when all of that comfort leaves?

Let’s pray.