

## Sermon Notes

October 7, 2018

### Really Lord?

Text: Job 1:1, 2:1-10 NLT



Today begins a new four-week series entitled “Really Lord?” in which we will be looking at the book of Job. Let me encourage us all to read Job as we ask the question of who is truly Lord of our life.

#### What Job is NOT:

- 1) Theodicy...you will have more questions than answers at the end of Job about why bad things happen to good people.
- 2) Patience....Better descriptions of Job would be long-suffering and how not to pick your friends!

#### What Job IS:

- 1) Rebuke of the gospel that says Christians don't have problems.
- 2) Insight into God's priority list for our lives.
  - a. "Shall we poor worms give laws to our supreme Lord, and oblige him never to afflict us? And shall not those great and manifold mercies, which from time to time God hath given us, compensate these short afflictions? Ought we not to bless God for those mercies which we did not deserve; and contentedly bear those corrections which we do deserve. And if we receive so much good for the body, shall we not receive some good for our souls? That is, some affliction, whereby we may be made partakers of his holiness? Let murmuring therefore, as well as boasting, be forever excluded."  
- John Wesley (underline mine)
  - b. Short term pain – Long term gain
- 3) Book about breaking point(s). At what point will we give up on God?

“Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?”

Job 2:10 NLT

“Thus Job, after the loss of his wealth, after the death of his children, grievously afflicted, moreover, with sores and worms, was not overcome, but proved.

Cyprian of Carthage

<sup>23</sup> **Search** me, O God, and know my heart;

**test** me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> **Point out** anything in me that offends you,  
and **lead** me along the path of everlasting life. <sup>1</sup>

Psalm 139:23-24 NLT [underline and bold mine]

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<sup>1</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2013. Print.