

SERMON NOTES

Title: Where is God When it Hurts

Text: Job 19:23-25

Topic: Suffering

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JOB IDENTIFIES THE SOURCE OF SUFFERING

The biggest reason for fights among people is that they are blaming each other for the hurts in their lives.

¹² Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. Ephesians 6:12 (NCV)

"In all of this Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing." (Job 1:22)

God allows certain things but He doesn't cause them.

Satan is the source of our pain.

When God said OK to Satan's plan to test Job, God trusted Job to stand firm and hold up in his hour of suffering.

JOB CONFRONTS HIS SUFFERING.

There are five categories of suffering,

1. Death & Grief
2. Loss
3. Failure
4. Illness
5. Rejection

The message of Job is that there is hope and promise on the other side of suffering and peace in the midst of it.

AFFIRMING HIS FAITH IN THE MIDST OF HIS SUFFERING.

Job's triumph was the affirmation of his faith in the midst of his suffering.

Where is God when it hurts? With you. Matthew 1:23

Let's not spend our time trying to avoid the troubles of life, but rather let us be the kind of people who dare to step into life's agony and difficulties and say, "I am eternal!"

The thing that makes our God different from every other deity that mankind has imagined, is the fact that He cares.

Life is not easy. Job hurt. Job cried. Job struggled, but he overcame and we can too.

Digging Deeper: If Job were deemed "blameless and upright" before his time of suffering (1:1), in what ways has he become a changed person after? What "wonderful things" (42:3) does he understand now that he didn't before?

For Further Reflection: (Read Job 19:23) If you were poised over your own tombstone with chisel in hand, what words would you inscribe to summarize your life? How would you want people to remember you?