

RIDING OUT THE STORMS OF LIFE, Part 1

Job 1-2

Study Questions

1. We often hear of “the patience of Job.” What enabled him to persevere through these incredible trials like he did?
2. What was Job doing in the sacrifices for his children? What did he fear, and why did he feel his actions would be helpful? What might the equivalent act for a Christian parent today be?
3. Have you ever experienced anything on the scale of Job’s trials? What were the circumstances? Did you pass or fail the test? What was the test?
4. Why was Satan allowed to be with the “sons of God” in 1:6 and 2:1?
5. Have you ever struggled with the concept of an all-powerful, all-loving God allowing the presence of evil, and evil acts and natural tragedies? What have you concluded about God? What are the possibilities?
6. Why did God single out Job to Satan? Is his trial a punishment or an honor?
7. Do you think Job ever knew in his lifetime what caused all this to come upon him?
8. Read I Peter 1:6-7. Do you believe that trials can prove your faith to be real? How do they do that? Can faith be proved to be genuine without trials?
9. How did the Apostle Paul prove his own faith was genuine? (Hint: see 2 Corinthians 11:23-27)
10. If you have failed the test under pressure at some point in your life, is it an unforgivable sin? How can you become strengthened for the next time?
11. How strong would you say your concept of God’s ultimate sovereignty is?