

# IS GOD JUST?

The book of Job

What is the purpose of the book of Job?

★ An underlying assumption in JOB: \_\_\_\_\_

God \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous. God \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked.

## **The Question, Is God just in His treatment of the righteous?**

**An \_\_\_\_\_ brought by Satan. Job 1:9 “God, You cannot let the righteous suffer.”**

*What is Satan’s conclusion?* Can the righteous be righteous with \_\_\_\_\_ motives?

★ IMPLIED: Job is using God for \_\_\_\_\_ gain.

*The outcome:* Job demonstrates God’s policy is no barrier to righteousness when he continues to follow God in the midst of unimaginable loss.

— In God, Job has all he needs! —

**A \_\_\_\_\_ brought by Job. “God, You cannot let the righteous suffer.”**

Double Retribution argues from \_\_\_\_\_ to effect.

The three friends argue from \_\_\_\_\_ to cause.

“You are suffering for your sin.”

The friends’ remedy is, “\_\_\_\_\_ of your sins.”

★ IRONY: The friends’ advice would fulfill Satan’s accusation: If Job repents of sin that he did not commit so that he could be restored and end his suffering, he would be using God for personal gain.

Job asks where can wisdom be found, and asks God to take up his case!

One more friend: Elihu — moves the conversation from focusing on Job to focusing on God.

Suffering may be \_\_\_\_\_. In this way, suffering may be a mercy of God rather than the wrath of God.

God answers in two speeches, the first in chapter 38-39, the second in chapters 40-41.

God's first answer to Job is: you already have all you need in Me.

The second answer to Job is a rebuke in two parts.

First, can Job take the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and rule more justly than God can?  
40:10-14

Second, can Job take the place of God and master these two beasts? Job  
40:15-41:34

Job's response is to humbly submit even his \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

— In God, Job has all he needs! —

Application:

(1) Are we following God for Him or for what He will give us?

(2) Prosperity Theology in practice