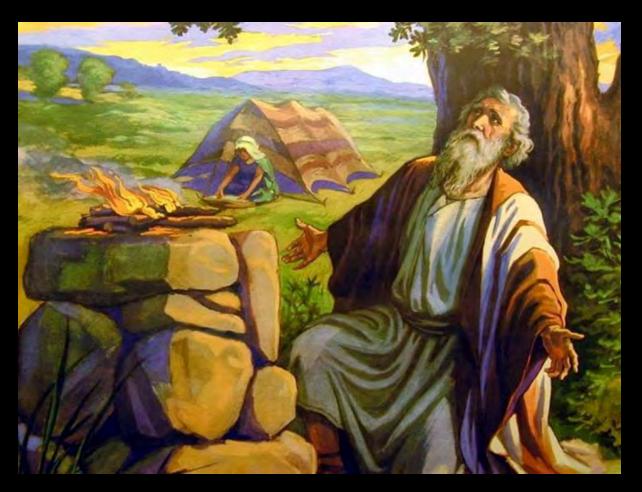
SHALL WE ACCEPT GOOD FROM GOD AND NOT TROUBLE?



JOB 1-2

I. Before we read Job, we must be reminded of God's nature (Exodus 34:6-7).



 Why was it important for God to let Moses, the leader of Israel, know His nature?

• Is the story of Job able to transform the nature of God (I John 4:7-9)?

II. Since God is love, why would He initiate this conversation with Satan (1:6-12)?



 How would the meaning of the book change if Satan initiated this conversation?

 If God is all knowing and all loving, why let Satan do this? III. In the face of terrible loss, Job worshipped and praised the LORD (1:20-22).



 How can we develop a love for God that can still praise Him in times of great loss?

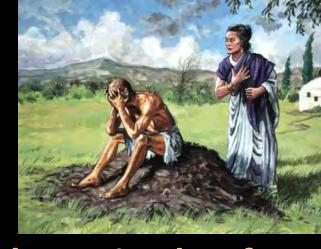
 Why is it so important to not blame God for the trials in our lives?

IV. After letting all the horrors of chapter one happen, God continued (2:1-6).



 Again, how would the meaning change if Satan had initiated this conversation?

 Why would our all-loving God let this happen to the most righteous man on earth? V. Job teaches us the need to accept hard times without blaming God (2:7-10).



• Why is it easier for us to fall into the attitude of Job's wife?

 How does the example of Jesus motivate us to thank God for our trials?

 What activities, relationships and insights can help us rejoice while under trial?

Call to Action: To consider it pure joy whenever you face trials (James 1:2-4).



- How is God's nature of love consistent with the story of Job?
- Why did God initiate those conversations with Satan?
- What will move us to praise God during hard times?
- What assurances are available to Christians who are in the midst of trials?
- What trials in your life would be blessed by some healthy rejoicing?

-How can we help?