Job's Suffering & Friends

Job 1-21
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Job 1-3
2. Job 4-7
3. Job 8-10
4. Job 11-14
5. Job 15-17
6. Job 18-21

MAIN POINTS

- The narrative blocks suffering from functioning as a reliable diagnosis of personal guilt.
- Job's unrestrained lament remains relational because he continues to address and seek God.
- The friends' presence initially honors grief, but their rigid application of retribution compounds it.
- Job's devotion survives the removal of the protection and prosperity on which Satan said it depended.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Job's friends sat in silence for seven days before speaking. What did their silence acknowledge, and what changed when they began diagnosing his suffering?
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2. Satan claimed Job feared God because of protection and prosperity. How does Job's response to loss answer that claim?
Job 1:20-22

3. Job's friends moved from shared silence to a retribution diagnosis that did not fit his case. When someone is suffering, how can you resist protecting an explanation at the expense of the person?
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MEMORY VERSE / Job 1:21

Job's immediate response combined visible grief with worship and acknowledged that he entered life with nothing.

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He said, “Naked I came out of my mother’s womb, and naked will I return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be Yahweh’s name.”

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And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

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Notes

Waymark 43 / Solo

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER