Job 1

If All Were Taken Away

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Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Prophecy (Major and Minor

The Book of Job is not primarily about one man's suffering and pain; Job's problem is not so much financial or social or medical; his central problem is theological. Job must deal with the fact that in his life, God does not act the way he always thought God would and should act. In this drama, the Book of Job is not so much a record of solutions and explanations to this problem; it is more a revelation of Job's experience and the answers carried within his experience.

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One would not know it from the first few verses, but the Book of Job is about an epic war. Yet no city is attacked or besieged or conquered; no battles are won or lost; no oceans are sailed, or nations founded, or adventures recorded. The whole conflict happens on an ash heap – virtually a garbage dump – outside a village. It is an epic war, but one of the inner life; a struggle to make sense of some of the deepest questions of life.

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Chap 38-42 Job deliverance
Job questions God,
God humbles Job then honors him.

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Two vital lessons

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Vv 13-19 Job's Tragic and Sudden Losses

Vv 20-22 A Profound Reaction to Bewildering Circumstance

Taking It Home

MEDITATION VERSE

Job 1:21

And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."