

## The Calamity of Job

*“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD Said unto Satan, ‘Whence comest thou?’ Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, ‘From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.’ And the LORD Said unto Satan, ‘Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is*



*none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?’ Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, ‘Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to Thy Face.’ And the LORD Said unto Satan, ‘Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.’ So Satan went forth from the Presence of the LORD. And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, ‘The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, ‘The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, ‘The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, ‘Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 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.’ In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” [Job 1:6-22 KJV](#)*

When times are hard and trials try,  
And Satan tempts to question “Why?”  
Believe the God Who cares for you,  
And He will surely bring you through! –CGP

The faith of Job is the same faith God has Given you! It is Sufficient! Many of our trials and losses are simply God proving and purifying our faith. Think today about all the emotions and thoughts which Job most surely had and felt and ponder his response; *“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.”* Do we worship God in the midst of our calamity? The Apostle Paul had the same struggle. He wrote:

*“For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He Said unto me, ‘My Grace Is Sufficient for thee: for My Strength Is Made Perfect in weakness.’ Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me.” [2 Corinthians 12:8-9 KJV](#)*