

THE LORD GIVES and TAKES AWAY

JOB 1:20-22

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- (20) At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship (21) and said: “NAKED I CAME FROM my mother’s womb, and naked will I depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” (22) **In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.**

The
book of
Job

- **Wisdom Literature together with**
 - **Psalms.**
 - **Proverbs**
 - **Ecclesiastes**
 - **Song of Solomon**

JOB'S PROFILE

- ***Job's Piety (1:1b)*** a man of faith; a good man; fears God, righteous, “blameless and upright.”
- ***Job's fortune (1:3)*** 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 donkeys, large number of servants.

JOB'S PROFILE

- *Job's Family (1:2) - 7 sons and 3 daughters (10)*
- *Job's regular custom (1:4-5) sacrificed burnt offering for his children*

**What does it
say?**



2 waves of tragedy

First wave (1:13-19)

**7000 sheep gone, 500
oxen/donkeys gone, all
children gone!**

Second wave (2:7-8)

Boils from head to toe

What do we see?

- 1) *Man's piety cannot guarantee that life will be perfect all the way through (1:1b) (he feared God and shun evil).*
- (2) *Man's prosperity does not always guarantee security (1:3) (he had great wealth)*

What do we see?

- (3) Man's religion cannot do anything either. We know that Job's regular religious custom didn't (1:4–5)

Reason for Job's trials

- The confrontation (1:6-11)

“Remove the blessings and he will curse you.”

The agreement – (1:12; 2:6)

God gives Satan permission to do anything to all that Job has, but he is not to touch him physically. Satan must spare his life (2:6).

Reaction to His Trials – (1:20-22)

Right view of God

- The Lord gave (v20)
 - Spiritual
 - Physical

- Jn 3:5 - Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Jn 3:6 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jn 6:63 - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Reaction to His Trials – (1:20-22)

Right view of God

- The Lord gave (v20)
 - Spiritual
 - Physical
- Gen. 2:7 - and the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- Job 27:3 - As long as my breath *is* in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils,

Biblical View of Human Life

- **The Lord gives life.**

(Psalm 139:13) (v13) For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. (v15-16) *My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

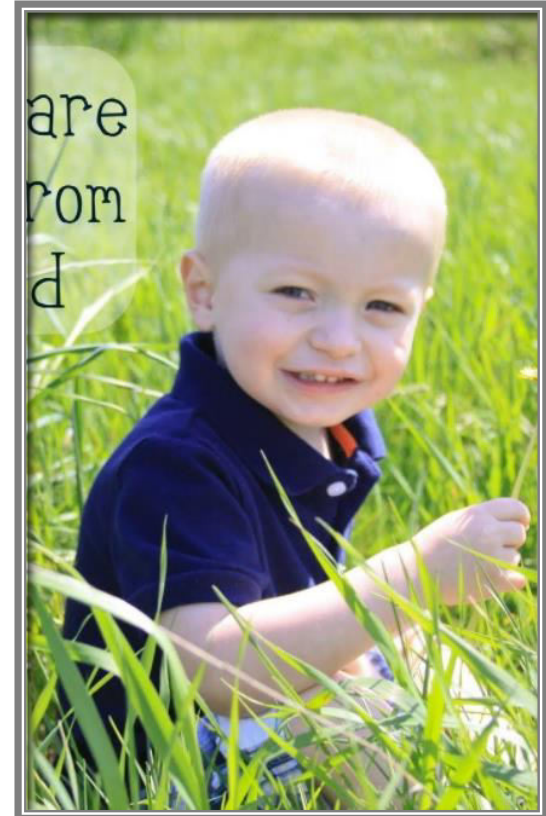
Biblical View of Human Life

- Human life is made in God's image.
- Human life is sacred.
- Human life kicks in in the womb not from birth.
- An unborn fetus is a living human being, including those with deformities.

*¹¹ The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? **Exodus 4:11***

Behold, children are a heritage
from the LORD, The fruit of
the womb is a reward.

Psalm 127:3



*I knew you
before I formed you in
your mother's womb.
Before you were born
I set you apart . .*

#treasureforourhearts

Jeremiah 1:5

Biblical View of Human Life

- **The Lord takes away.**
- Ecc. 3:1-2) To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die;