

Does the Bible Say That?

Job 1:21

The Issue: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away..." How?

Definitions

Define these terms in Job 1 & 2 (numbers refer to Strong's numbers for the OT [Hebrew])

Chapter 1

- blessed vv. 10 & 21 (#1288)
- touch v.11 (#5060)
- gave v.21 (#5414)
- take away v.21 (#3947)

Chapter 2

- incited v.3 (#5496 – "although you moved")
- accept good v.10 (#6901 & #2896)
- accept adversity v.10 (#6901 & #7451)

Questions

1. What does it mean that God says "all that he has is in your power" to Satan in 1:12?
2. What is different about the exchange in 2:1-6 compared to 1:12?
3. What does it mean 2:3 "although you incited me against him to ruin without cause"?
4. Explain 2:10 "accept good from God and not accept adversity?"
5. Consider Job's conclusions about God later in the book: Job 9:22-24, 21:15, 30:21. What has he decided?
6. What are the outcomes if we fully accept Job's theology or conclusion about God in 1:21?
7. Is there an inherent theological flaw in this view of Job? If so, what is it?

Application

1. In what ways do we think of God today like Job did in verse 21?
2. What is the value of the response Job has in 2:10?

Lit., v. 21 —

"gave the Lord there I shall return and naked of my mother womb came I out naked and said blessed of the Lord the name be has taken away the Lord"