WHY? • Job 1

Have you ever asked the question - Why?

_____ IS YOUR GREATEST POSSESSION

Non believers 'logic' about suffering and God:

_____ Genesis 1:1

_____ John 3:16

_____ Romans 8:28-29

1 Peter 1:6-9

1. Trials have come for a _____

2. Your faith is of _____ _____ than Gold

3. The result of a 'proven faith' is...

Job 1:6-12

MY LIFE IS NOT DEFINED BY MY _____

Job 1:1-5

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Job:

Author:

Job is described as _____ and _____

Matthew 5:48 Be _____ as your heavenly Father is _____

Being blameless and upright doesn't grant you _____ from suffering

TRUST IN THE LORD FOR _____

Job 1:13-19 Job's suffering:

Then he fell to the ground in _____ (Job 1:20)

Job's response to God in his suffering? (Job 1:21-22)

1. Is there a time in your life that caused you to question God? What were the circumstances and how did you get through it?

2. Read Job 1:1-5. How does God describe Job?

   In your own words describe the kind of man he was.

   Read Matthew 5:43-48. What kind of person does Jesus call us to be? (Also read 1 Peter 1:13-16)

3. The atheistic argument about suffering and evil goes like this:
   A God who is all-powerful would be able to prevent evil & suffering in the world. A God who is all-good and all-loving would want to prevent evil and suffering in the world. But evil and suffering exist, therefore an all-powerful, all-good & loving God cannot exist. What is the flaw in this argument?

   Read Genesis 1:1; John 3:16; Romans 8:28-29. Use these 3 verses to put together the basis for a response to the above argument.

4. Read Job 1:6-12. Another of the great questions that comes out of this passage, is, 'Why was Satan allowed into the presence of God?' What do you think?

5. What do you think about Satan's argument, that the reason that Job was faithful to God was because of the blessings of God?

6. Read Job 1:13-22. The suffering that Job went through was intense. Verse 20 shows how grief stricken he was. What was his response to God?

   Examine verse 21. What was Job's view of life, possessions, God and God's hand in all that happened?

7. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What do these verses teach us about the purpose of trials, hardship and suffering?

   The value of your faith?

   The result of a faith that has been tested by trials and come through as a genuine faith? (Also read Romans 5:3-5)