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**1. He Was Blameless and Upright (1:1; 8).**

- That there was none like him in the earth is not his own testimony, but the statement of him who knows what is in man.
- **Nahum 1:7** - The Lord knows those who trust in Him, who are worthy to be called blameless/ perfect.
- Job was blameless, not in the sense of being sinless, but in the sense of being devoted to God and to righteousness.
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**2. He Was Rich (1:3)**

- Good men are not always rich, but God had surely put a premium on the goodness and faithfulness of Job, by allowing him to become the wealthiest man in the country.
- The best man will always be the richest, if not in material goods, certainly in the more enduring treasures that are spiritual and divine.
- Although there was a gulf of agony between Joe's present and future life, yet he found that it paid to be righteous.

**3. He Was Wise (1:5)**

- Job is a wise father; he is most concerned about his sons to keep right with God.
- It is not enough for the blameless man that his family should be healthy and happy and prosperous in the world; he longs intensely, and spares no sacrifice, that they might each one live and walk in fear and favor of God.
- Sin against God is the one thing which his upright soul has learned to hate.

**4. He Was Protected (1:10)**

- His person, his people, and his property were hedged about by the special care of God.

**V. He Was Marked (1:8-9)**

- Job, being a blameless and upright man, was an object of special consideration to the Lord and to Satan.
- He was a marked man for the favor of the Lord, and for the envy and hate of Satan.
- **Psalms 37:37** - Both God and the devil marks the blameless man.
- The divine consideration is all for our safety and usefulness, Satan's consideration is only to disturb and to destroy.

**Apply – What about Job's life can you apply to yours to show yourself blameless and upright before God?**

**Prayer – Ask God to help you become blameless and upright.**

# Care Group Bible Study – Leaders Notes

October 2, 2024

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**Introduction Commentary: Share these notes with the group as you see fit.**

This book, supposed to have been first committed to writing by Moses, is regarded by many as the oldest in the world. Its object is to set before us the trial of an “upright man.”

Job himself is quite unconscious of the fact that he is being used by God as an object lesson to all generations. He knows nothing at all about the conference that has taken place concerning him, recorded in **Job 1:7-12**. The days of Job were probably about the time of Abraham, as in the book there is no mention of Israel, the Tabernacle, the Temple, or the Law. The Book is of great value as a revelation of the forces that are at work against the life of the righteous. All the characters are representative: Job, the servant of God; Satan, the adversary; the three friends, the wisdom of the world; Elihu, the wisdom of God; and God Himself, the judge of all.

Job was no mythical character is clearly proven in **Ezekiel 14:14; 20**, when his name is mentioned by Jehovah himself. As the teaching of this book is centered on the person of Job, we shall try and grasp its leading principles through this man, that they may, if possible, become more interesting and powerful in our own individual lives.

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**Smith Commentary:** He was transparently upright, according to his knowledge and ability. He walked in the light, although that light may have been but twilight. Like an honest man, Job straightened himself before God and men. His character is in strong contrast to the multitude of men who, like some have bowed down with the love of the world, and the fear of man.

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**Smith Commentary:** These family gatherings, for social enjoyment, were in themselves a good testimony to their upright and priestly Father. Those seven sons must have been well brought up, when they sought so often fellowship of one another, and did not fail to give their three sisters a special invitation to their parties.

Job did not forbid such festivities, but he knew human nature too well to suppose that there was no moral danger connected with such seasons. It may be that my sons have sinned. When it is a question of pleasure seeking, it is so easy to forget God, and to act in such a way as to dishonor His holy name. So Job, as priest in his own family, offers a sacrifice for each of his sons.

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**Smith Commentary:** Satan seems to know more about the impregnable position of Job than Job himself. His fear of God had made him safer than he thought. The God of yesterday is the same God today. We cannot see that the Angel of the Lord that encamped around about that fear him, but the devil does.

The Lord's protection is too thick even for the cunning hand of Satan. Satan's testimony to the security of God's children is of great value.

Without God's permission, His great power is utterly useless against the man that is hiding in the bulwarks of his God. God is our refuge, therefore we will not fear.

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**Smith Commentary:** It is not true in a sense of every blameless man in Jesus Christ, that they become targets by the powers of darkness?

**Zechariah 3:1** - When Joshua, the high priest was seen standing before the Angel of the Lord, Satan was seen. Standing at his right hand to resist him. Why was Satan so desirous to have Simon Peter, that he might sift him as wheat? Those who Satan and his hosts take no trouble at must be accompanying very little for God. Heaven and hell marks the holy man. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the Wiles of the devil.