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**The topic is the apparently unjust suffering of the Godly. What's the point? the intent?**

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What was the spiritual condition of this man, Job? 1:1; 8

**He is described as 'blameless and upright', most importantly, by the Lord!**

What do we know for sure about *why* the Lord considered Job righteous? Heb.11:6; Gen.15:6

**Job had placed his faith in the Lord. His righteous deeds came out of that faith not reverse**

How would you characterize the Lord's evaluation of Job? 1:8 see Acts 10:34-35; Rom.3:18

**The Lord is well pleased with Job! Note that Job fears the Lord; see Deut.10:12**

*'When you fear God you fear nothing else, ...if you do not fear God you fear everything else'; Oswald Chambers.*

What was his family like? 1:2; Ruth 4:15 His wealth? 1:3a His stature? 1:3b

**7 sons, 3 daughters; enormous flocks/herds/servants; widely recognized as greatest of East.**

Additionally, what was his character? 29:7-12, 21-24; 31:13-15, 38-39

**He was highly respected, a fair/honest judge, a wise counselor, an honest employer...**

Obviously a man of great wealth, did that 'corrupt' him? 29:12-17; 31:16-32; ITim.6:6-19

**Absolutely not! He was generous to a fault! He had wealth but it did not have him.**

What do we observe about Job from 1:4-5?

**He was deeply concerned about the spiritual well-being of his children. Very close family.**

And how/why did Job enjoy such great prosperity? 1:10

**Because God had been blessing and protecting Job. Pouring out grace upon him! Amen.**

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