

First Words:

The _____ of Job – Three Waves of Pain

A. Wave 1 – _____

1. Enemy Invaders - **Job 1:14-15** - *And there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”*

2. Act of God - **Job 1:16** - *While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”*

3. Terrorists - **Job 1:17** - *While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”*

4. Wind Storm - **Job 1:18-19** - *While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹ and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” **Job 3:25***

B. Wave 2 - _____

Job 2:7-8 - *So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.*

⁸ *And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes. See **7:5 & 30:17&30***

C. Wave 3 – _____ – Cp. **Job 19:13-17**

1. With his _____ -- **Job 2:9-10a** - *Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” ¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak...*

2. With his _____ - **Job 2:11&13**- *Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him...¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. See **Job 13:4***

3. With his _____ - **Job 6:4** - *For the arrows of the Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks their poison; the terrors of God are arrayed against me.*

The _____ from Job - Why God?

A. Why am I even here? - **Job 3:11-12** - *“Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? ¹² Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse*

B. Why is God against me? - **Job 10:2** - *I will say to God, Do not condemn me; let me know why you contend against me.*

C. Why doesn’t God answer my prayer? **Job 13:24** - *Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?*

The _____ for Job – He asked for it, he gets it – **Job 31:35-37**

A. Because your knowledge is finite you can’t understand my works - **Job 38:1–2, & 33** - *Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?...³³ Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?*

Job 40:3–4 – *Then Job answered the LORD and said: ⁴ “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.*

B. Because your strength is limited you can’t change things **Job 40:6 & 41:1** - *Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ... “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?”*

Job 42:1-2 - Then Job answered the LORD and said:² “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

The _____

Job 42:10, 12a, & 17 - And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.... And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.... And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

The _____ in Job - Three affirmations of faith

A. I will _____ God in the getting and in the losing - **Job 1:21** - And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

B. I will _____ God even when He hurts me - **Job 13:14 -15** – Why should I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand?¹⁵ Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

C. I will _____ in God through the tests He sends - **Job 23:10-11** - But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.¹¹ My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside.

How do I improve my “soul anchor” – **Hebrews 6:19**

1. Move from a religious to a personal faith – Make it personal
2. Move from a phony to an honest faith – Authentic prayer
3. Move from a shallow to a deep faith – Time with God
4. Move from a stagnant to a growing faith – Apply truth
5. Move from a quiet to a confessing faith – Speak out

How can I apply the principles of Job to my life?

