

## **TRIALS AND TRAGEDIES**

*Job 1:1-2:13*

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**How are we to make sense of the trials and tragedies of life?**

**1. Trials and tragedies are an inescapable part of life.**

A. They surely come to all people.

*"Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. Job 14:1 ESV*

B. They often come without warning.

C. They sometimes come with severity.

*Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him. When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky. Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great. Job 2:11-13*

D. They always come with questions.

**2. Trials and tragedies are an important test in life.**

*Does Job fear God for nothing? Job 1:9*

A. There are spiritual realities we are not privy to.

B. There are spiritual limits God puts on the devil.

C. There are spiritual opportunities we have before us.

*Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. Job 1:20-22*

*Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. Job 2:9-10*

**3. Trials and tragedies are an invaluable teacher in life.**

*"Oh that I knew where I might find Him, That I might come to His seat! Behold, I go forward but He is not there, And backward, but I cannot perceive Him; When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him; He turns on the right, I cannot see Him." Job 23:3, 8-9*

A. We can learn the deepest lessons in the darkest times.

*Then out of the storm the LORD spoke to Job.  
Job 38:1 GNB*

B. We can learn that God alone is worth it all.

**In the midst of your trials and tragedies, will you keep trusting?**