

JOB'S ENEMY  
(Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7a)

- I. Scene One in HEAVEN (Job 1:6-12)
  - A. The STAGE is SET (1:6)
    - 1. It was a REGULARLY SCHEDULED event
    - 2. ANGELS presented themselves for ACCOUNTING
    - 3. SATAN (lit. "the ADVERSARY") was also there
  - B. Dialogue BEGINS (1:7-8)
    - 1. The LORD asks Satan, "From WHERE do you come"
    - 2. Satan answers, "From roaming...and walking on EARTH"
    - 3. The LORD PRAISES the righteousness of JOB
  - C. Satan's ACCUSATION (1:9-11)
    - 1. Claims Job OBEYS for PERSONAL BENEFIT
      - a. Points to God's PROTECTION of Job and his family
      - b. Points to God's PROSPERING all Job's estate
    - 2. Claims that if God were to TAKE AWAY Job's WEALTH, he would CURSE God
  - D. God's RESPONSE (1:12)
    - 1. Satan could have CONTROL over all Job POSSESSED
    - 2. Satan could NOT touch Job PERSONALLY
- II. Scene Two in HEAVEN (Job 2:1-7a)
  - A. The STAGE is SET (2:1)--see I. A.
  - B. Dialogue BEGINS (2:2-3)
    - 1. The LORD PRAISES the righteousness of JOB, adding that he remains STEADFAST in his INTEGRITY

2. The LORD holds SATAN accountable for Job's RUIN
- C. Satan's ACCUSATION (2:4-5)
  1. Job can TOLERATE the suffering of OTHERS
  2. Take away his HEALTH and he will CURSE God
- D. God's RESPONSE (2:6)
  1. Satan could have CONTROL over Job's HEALTH
  2. Satan could NOT take Job's LIFE

### III. Lessons in THEOLOGY

- A. Concerning SATAN
  1. His ACTIVITY is WORLD-WIDE
  2. He makes ACCUSATIONS before GOD
  3. He seeks the RUIN of God's PEOPLE
  4. He is LIMITED by GOD
- B. Concerning GOD
  1. He is SOVEREIGN over ALL CREATION
  2. He DEFENDS the believer against the ACCUSER
  3. He PROTECTS to various DEGREES for His PURPOSES
- C. Concerning SUFFERING
  1. It is not always the result of DISOBEDIENCE
  2. Satan's RESPONSIBILITY is always LIMITED
  3. God always uses it for OUR ultimate GOOD
- D. Concerning the BELIEVER
  1. We can be ATTACKED by SATAN
  2. We are PROTECTED by GOD
  3. We may SUFFER inexplicably
  4. Our faith must be in the PERSON of God--not the things He gives us