

## Job 1:22

*In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*

Have you ever noticed how quick people are to blame God for everything? Even now, with Covid, so many people, including Christians are saying that God sent Covid to punish people or warn people to turn from their sins. Why, I really don't know, I suppose it's because everyone wants to blame someone or something for whatever bad that is happening, and usually they blame God.

But look at today's verses which says, "*In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*" But if you have never read the book of Job, you may not know what was going on here. Well, to put it in today's terms, Job had one of his businesses robbed and the employees were killed, except one.

† **Job 1:14-15** *and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, when the Sabeans raided them and took them away-- indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

Another business was burned to the ground, destroying all that was in it as well as all the employees dying in the fire, except one.

† **Job 1:16** *While he was still speaking, another also came 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!"*

Another business of his was robbed of all its service vehicles (camels) and all but one employee was killed.

† **Job 1:17** *While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

And finally all of Job's children were partying in a house, and possibly a tornado came and destroyed the house along with all of Job's children (They were all adults).

† **Job 1:19** *and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

So, you hear of these four things happening in one day to someone (Job in this case) and wonder why “God” would do such a thing to this man? Even Job’s best friends wondered the same thing and they even blamed Job saying that he did something wrong and not only that, but also pointing their finger at his kids who had all just died and they called them sinners who deserved this (Wow, I don’t want friends like that)

† **Job 8:4-6 (NLT2)** *Your children must have sinned against him, so their punishment was well deserved. But if you pray to God and seek the favor of the Almighty, and if you are pure and live with integrity, he will surely rise up and restore your happy home.*

Yes, we are all too quick to blame God, or even the person that this is happening to, or even others who are just as innocent. Yet how many times do we actually blame the one who caused all of this in the first place? Satan, the devil, the one who the bible says that he is “*the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night*”. **Revelation 12:10b** who loves to wrongly accuse everyone else for what he has done. Because if you read the book of Job, you find out at the beginning that Satan did this to Job, not God, and not because his children were so bad that they deserved to die. Read it for yourself in chapter one of Job.

Even here in the book of Job it says this about Satan as well: “*One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them.*” **Job 1:6 (NLT2)** and this same accuser possibly was whispering in Job’s friends’ ears’ lies that made them think that Job and his children were in the wrong.

Jesus even said this about Satan as well:

† **John 10:10** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

So, before you start pointing the finger and blaming God or the people for all the bad that is going on; Stop believing those lies that are being whispered in your ears causing you to think God is causing all of this, and how could a loving God not stop this Covid, and why can’t God do this and that and fix this and that and, and, and..... do you hear it, a bunch of accusations against God that are all false.

God loves all people the same, and Jesus even said this about God the Father, “*for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*” **Matthew 5:45b** Because God loves all, and that’s why He sent His Son Jesus to die for all, not so we can be saved and accuse God and the unsaved for all the bad things that are going on in this world. No, we know all the bad that Satan had done in our lives, wanting to kill, steal from us and destroy us. So now are you going to blame everyone else for what Satan is doing and causing to happen? Or are you going to be like Job: “*In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*”

† **Zechariah 3:1-4 (MSG)** *Next the Messenger-Angel showed me the high priest Joshua. He was standing before GOD's Angel where the Accuser showed up to accuse him. Then GOD said to the Accuser, "I, GOD, rebuke you, Accuser! I rebuke you and choose Jerusalem. Surprise! Everything is going up in flames, but I reach in and pull out Jerusalem!" Joshua, standing before the angel, was dressed in dirty clothes. The angel spoke to his attendants, "Get him out of those filthy clothes," and then said to Joshua, "Look, I've stripped you of your sin and dressed you up in clean clothes."*