

The Wonderful Wizard of OZ



A Study from the Book of Job

Act I Scene I

Job 1:6-12



The Opening Scene

I remind you what you are looking at. It's a work of literature, most likely a play about the suffering of Job

- Present the dilemma
- Set up the events of the story in a way that will draw the audience in

Dramatic Irony



Suffering

There is more to suffering than meets the eyes of humanity

It does give us a chance to sneak backstage and see that suffering has a bigger picture than my in the moment dealings and feelings.



Sovereignty: Supreme power or authority

The angels must present themselves to God

Satan the most power of them all had to give account of where he had been

Did God throw Job under the bus?

He has limits as Job would not be considered

God is not condemning Job, even in his suffering God never relinquished control



Sovereignty: Supreme power or authority

However, he does step back and allow Satan to act but again not without limits

Is this concept hard for us? **YES!**

It's as hard as trying to understand why even put that tree in the Garden?

Why let Satan talk to Eve or even allow him to exist?

Why not show up before they eat and remind them?



Sovereignty: Supreme power or authority

**These are not easy issues because it
comes down to God is Sovereign**

In his sovereignty he gave us free will

**The only way to have free will is
to allow choice**

Truly Wicked



Who is Satan?

Revelation 12:7-12

He is not a dude running around in red pajamas with horns and a pitchfork

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8



Who is Satan?

He is pictured as a powerful dragon but at the same time deceptive serpent

His driving force is to lead the world astray

As we saw in Job, he is active and roams the earth

He is filled with fury

he is not omnipresent he does have massive resources for battle
(*Revelation 12:4*)



Who is Satan?

Like in Job He has limits

He could only go as far as God allowed him

Here in Revelation, it says his time is short

He can be defeated but only by "the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony"

He is the embodiment of sin (**1 John 3:8**)



The Accuser

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Zechariah 3:1

Notice in Job when God opens the door, Satan went all in on Job and why he really “loved” God

He seeks to have God allow him to move in our life

Once God allows Satan has many weapons to use for our suffering



Weapons of Suffering

- He can **Deceive** (**2 Corinthians 11:14**)
- He will **put on a good show** (**2 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- He can **tempt** (**Matthew 4:1**)
- He can **steal** God's word before it takes root (**Luke 8:12**)



Weapons of Suffering

- He can **suggest** (**John 13:2**)
- He **devises schemes** (**Ephesians 6:11**)
- He will **lay traps** (**1 Timothy 3:7**)
- He can **create chaos** (**Revelation 2:10**)
- He can **Possess** (**Luke 22:3**)



He Can Not!

Make Me Sin!

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13



Sin and Me!

Both Satan and God present you with the same message: **Follow Me**

We sin because we want to

Adam and Eve ate because they wanted to be like God

Paul tells us God provides a “way out”

That does not mean an exit sign to make it stop but a path to follow through



Satan's Goal

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Some of Job's possessions were stolen

Other were destroyed along with eventually his health

His kids were killed



Satan's Goal

***"Simon, Simon, Satan
has asked to sift all of
you as wheat."***

Luke 22:31



God's Goal

To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Acts 26:18



God's Goal

Suffering often leads us into a deeper relationship with God

Suffering also helps us evaluate our lives

God wants us to turn from darkness

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20



A Journey with Suffering

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