

Job, and Subjugating Satan

Sermon Topic: Job, and subjugating Satan

Bible Verse: Job, chapter 1

Sermon Theme: Job 1:21 as a model for subjugating Satan: “Naked came I...”

Main idea: The story of Job is the story of a man who has received many blessings from God. But Satan accuses God, saying that Job’s loyalty to God is only because of the good things that God has done for Job. In other words Satan is saying that Job is really more like Satan than like God. Satan really challenges God: “Take away his blessings and he will curse you to your face.” Satan’s expectation was that Job would curse God, because after all that’s exactly what Lucifer did in the Garden. The challenge for Job is to exemplify an unconditional standard of love and loyalty to God. This is the only course that will subjugate Satan because it is precisely what he failed to do. In this way, Job can prove that he is God’s son and not Satan’s son. There is only one way for Job to prove his loyalty and that is for Satan to claim all the blessing that God has given. Job loses everything, even his most precious sons and daughters. Though this story comes from the Old Testament, Job’s response to his suffering is a genuine Complete Testament attitude.

1. Job 1:21 – “...Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return...” Job subjugates fallen nature number one. He keeps a large viewpoint rather than just focusing on that moment of his suffering. He kept true viewpoint: “I started life without anything and I will end life in the same way.”
2. “...the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away...” Here Job deals with fallen nature number two. Even though God has brought down a harsh situation, Job fully accepts God’s authority to do so, without complaint. God is the boss and decision is right.

3. “...blessed be the name of the Lord...” Reversal of fallen nature number three. Job responded by praising God, lovingly. He didn’t reverse dominion over God, but responded in a filial manner.
4. “...In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly...” Job did not multiply sin. He did not transfer blame to God. He did not seek self justification.

Summary:

What do we learn from Job’s example? It is that fallen man, because he is in a position to be claimed by God and Satan, must bear the responsibility to prove his love and loyalty to God. We must be ready to follow the same way as Job and try to inherit his attitude. (An example or testimony here would be very effective.) The key to lasting victory and success is to win the battle of the spirit over Satan, as Job, Jacob, and Jesus all did.