The Book of Job

(1) Don't Give Up!

JOB 42:12a... The Lord BLESSED the latter part of Job's life more than the first...

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN EITHER... MAD... FRUSTRATED... or CONFUSED... with GOD?

SERMON in a SENTENCE...

DON'T GIVE UP ON THE GOD WHO HAS NEVER GIVEN UP ON YOU!

Galatians 6:9... Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we DO NOT GIVE UP!

1. LIFE... IS HARD!

JOB 1:13-19...

ONE DAY when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 16 **While he was still speaking**, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 17 **While he was still speaking**, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 18 **While he was still speaking**, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you?"

(Vs 21) "Naked I came from my mother's womb – and naked I will depart. The Lord GAVE and the Lord has TAKEN AWAY; may the name of the Lord be **PRAISED**!"

YOUR ... PAIN ... IS ... REAL!

YOUR... LIFE... IS... HARD!

2. GOD... IS STILL GOD (and...) GOD... IS STILL GOOD!

Are you going to allow your **CIRCUMSTANCES**... to determine your **THEOLOGY**... (or...) Are you going to allow your **THEOLOGY**... to determine your **CIRCUMSTANCES**?

> JOB 19:25-27... "I KNOW that MY REDEEMER LIVES...

... and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin had been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. HOW MY HEART YEARNS WITHIN ME!"

3. DON'T GIVE UP!

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18...

Therefore **we do not lose heart**. Though **outwardly** we are wasting away, yet **inwardly** we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our **light** and **momentary troubles** are **achieving for us** an **eternal glory** that **far outweighs them all**. 18 So we **fix our eyes not on what is seen**, **but on what is unseen**, since what is seen is **temporary**, but what is unseen is **eternal**.

JESUS CAME... TO CHANGE YOUR HEART... NOT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES!