

## CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

### Job 1:6-8

**Introduction:** Nobody likes to get caught in the middle of a fight, whether it be verbal or physical. Being in the middle means it's not your fault, none of your business but for some reason there you are. It happens frequently, perhaps more than a Christian realizes. Every Christian has heard of such a battle where a man named Job gets caught between God and Satan. Realize it or not, God and Satan fight such battles every day, thousands of them. Let's take a look at the battle between God and Satan and poor old Job in the middle.

- 1. God calls an Angelic Conference** of His ranking angels of which Satan was at one time the highest.  
- Satan still had access to heaven and was required to give some kind of report of his activities.
- 2. God issued a challenge to Satan** concerning Job. Sometimes God chooses the battle area, sometimes it is Satan. Remember how Satan wanted Peter? (*Luke 22:31*)
- 3. Satan had already been at work trying to deceive Job**, but God had limited Satan to his methods.
- 4. God watches over and protects His Children** from Satan attacks (the Holy Spirit is given to indwell all of God's Children permanently).
- 5. Any attacks from Satan and his evil forces** come ONLY after God has given permission and ONLY to the limit allowed by God. (*1 Corinthians 10:13*)
- 6. Satan seems to think that "materialism" is what draws a person to the Lord** and if that is taken away then that person will leave God. (*Job 1:13-22*)
- 7. ONLY BY GOD'S PERMISSION** can Satan ever reach the believer and God does allow it for His own reasons. (Sometimes the believer needs to be strengthened through testing, and sometimes the believer needs to be punished.).
- 8. Satan has power over nations** as well as over individuals and causes them to do what he wants, to kill, to rob, to war and destroy.
- 9. Satan will often use one's own family** to draw him/her away from God.
- 10. Satan also has power over the elements** such as lightening, winds, floods, etc.
- 11. Satan can do whatever he wishes with the unbeliever** but with the people (Children) of God have divine protection.
- 12. Satan has power to heal**, or power to cripple the human body. (*Job 1:1-7*)
- 13. Satan often uses a person's friends** to draw him/her away from God.

14. **God always vindicates the believer's faith**, sometimes while the believer is still alive, but for sure in heaven and it is always MORE than what was lost in the battle/struggle.
15. **Someday the spiritual battle between God and Satan** will be at your door, and you will be in the middle, so expect it, get ready for it the Scriptures tell us *"...for the devil is like a roaring lion.."*
16. **It may be YOU** that the Lord chooses to prove to the heavenly host who are watching, that things on earth are not what the believer has his/her eyes upon but that the believer's eyes are upon heavenly things, the Lord Jesus Christ.
17. **When the battle comes to YOU**, remember, *"...greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world..."* and that *"...you can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens you..."*
18. **The Lord will not allow Satan** to attack you beyond what you are able to stand and will always make a way for you to be victorious."
19. *"...all things work for the good to them that love the lord..."*
20. **There is an invisible war going on and we (Christians) are in the middle of it** and there are innumerable spiritual beings watching as well as in battle for us and the evil ones against us. **Let us be constantly on our guard!**