

Not Going Down That Easy

Job 1:1-3 / 6-12

Introduction:

Offered up by God – is when God chooses you for a special mission for the Kingdom. He looks for that "good soil" person, the one that has received the "good seed" with joy and waters it allowing it to grow into the utter depths of their heart. You may not know you've been chosen, but He knows you're ready.

I. God Orders the Footsteps of a Good Man

- a. The requirement for God to order your footsteps is to be a good man in God's eyes Ps 37:23-26

II. The Resume of a Good Man v.1

- a. Job was found to be righteous -
- b. Blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil
- c. A Good man stands on the promises of God and holds on to God's unchanging hand.

III. The Christian Walk Will Not Be Easy

- a. God never said our Christian walk with Him would be easy Rev 2:10
- b. The reward is for those who faithfully endure to the end

IV. God's Blessings on Job vss. 2-3

- a. Richest man in the East, he had abundant live stock, servants, wealth, a wife, and children
- b. Job blessed God continually Job 1:5
- c. He didn't allow his blessing to distract him.

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V. God Using You As He See's Fit vss. 6-8

- a. To what degree God uses you depends on where you are within Him
- b. God knows our heart and where our heart is at Ps 139:1-2

VI. God Knows How Much You Can Bear vss. 9-12

- a. God doesn't offer us up so we can fail
- b. But so that the world can see that the devil doesn't know what's in your heart
- c. And that the devil has no power to take away your purpose for you are God's
- d. This is where your faith starts to grow in ways that you could never imagine

VII. What God Allowed vss. 14-21

- a. Job lost all his wealth, servants, status, and children.
- b. Job's response to this loss came from his deep roots in God. *"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord."*

VIII. What Shall Separate You From God?

- a. There is nothing in this life or the life to come that can separate you from the love of God Rom 8:36-39

IX. Offering You Up More Than Once Job 2:3-6

- a. It is an honor when God can brag on one of His Children and offer them over and over again to prove Satan wrong Job 2:3