Job

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Outline

- Introduction to:-
  - Job the book
  - Job - our series at Fairfield
  - Job the man
- A right perspective on reality
- God's name and reputation
- On what does our love of God depend?

The Book of Job

- It's old – probably one of the earlier books written in Old Testament
- Perhaps in the time of the Judges or the early kings?
- It's wisdom literature – philosophy and poetry rather than history
- Set east of the Jordan – perhaps Gilead?
- We don't know who wrote it

Our series

- The wager
- Job's lament
  - Eliphaz
  - Bildad
  - Zophar
  - Elihu
- God speaks
- Job responds to God

Job the man

- Job - this man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. 1 v1, 1 v8, 2 v3
- In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. 1 v22 2 v10
- Greatest man among the people of the East 1v3
  - Rich & respected
- Suddenly catastrophe comes upon his well-ordered life

A right perspective on reality

- The spiritual realm is the true reality
  - God is in charge - satan comes to give account
  - Satan is territorial – God is omni-present
- But Job knows nothing about it
  - The world view of his time is one of prosperity theology
  - His life looks like it has turned into a disaster
  - If we look at this only from the perspective of earth then this is a sick tragedy
- This is the last mention of satan in the book of Job

God is in charge and a good man, who He loves, is suffering

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God's name and reputation

- The basis of the wager – "no man loves you or trusts you for yourself"
- God trusted in Job – and he trusts in his people (us)
- What is this about?
  - Man born blind… **John 9 v 1-3** 'works of God displayed in him'
  - God trains and disciplines those he loves **Hebrews 12 v4-11**
  - God never takes us beyond what we can bear **1 Cor 10 v13**

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On what does our love of God depend?

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised

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We love because he first loved us **1 John 4 v19**