

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Job 2

A. The Second Conversation between God and the devil (2:1-6)

1. God's awareness of Job's commitment and suffering
 - the devil is our adversary
 - God is saying — Adversary, I permitted you to attack him. In spite of this test, your accusations are worthless. Job still holds fast to his integrity.
2. God's allowance of further harm to Job but with restrictions
3. The Adversary
 - he stands ready to accuse, attack, and bring us to rebellion

B. The Additional Catastrophe encountered by Job (2:7-8)

(Note the scope and severity of the affliction. Note the full scope of what he has encountered and where he now sits.)

C. The second declaration of Commitment to God (2:9-10)

1. His wife's discouragement and hopelessness
2. Job's declaration of devotion to God regardless of circumstance

D. The Comfort offered by his friends (2:11-13)

Application to us: (Chapter 2)

1. God looks at our heart and our integrity, not our possessions, position, etc.

- even though Job's earthly situation has drastically changed from the beginning of chapter 1 to the beginning of chapter 2, God still sees him the same (He notes his integrity)

2. Be on guard against the adversary. (Eph. 6:10-18)

3. **God is in control. He will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can handle (1 Cor. 10:13). He puts limits on what he allows the devil to do.**
4. **We are to trust God because of who God is and not because of circumstance. Commitment is not an outcome of circumstance.**
5. **In times of grief or trial, be a minister to others:**
 - **Be the spiritual leader in your home even in the toughest of times. (Job was)**
 - **Recognize family and friends may grieve differently than you do.**
 - **Be a friend that sticks closer than a brother. (Prov. 18:24)**
 - **Keep the focus on worship of God and trust in God.**
6. **We do not have “rights” to anything. God can do what He wants. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6)**