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Job 1:1-12

AN UNSEEN ENEMY

I. Introduction:

Congratulations! You have survived and flourished
two months of Sheltering in place!!!

An Unseen Spiritual Battle

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. Job: An Unlikely Candidate For Suffering

1.) Job's Character

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was **blameless** and **upright**; he **feared God** and **shunned evil.**" Job 1:1

2.) Job's Commodities:

He had seven sons and three daughters,³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.⁴ His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them."
Job 1:2-4

3.) Job's Commitment:

When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom."
Job 1:5

B. An Unseen Conflict:

1.) A Heavenly Assembly

⁶One day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan^[b] also came with them.” Job 1:6

2.) A Heavenly Acknowledgement

⁷ The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” ⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” Job 1:7-8

3.) A Heavenly Accusation:

⁹ “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. ¹⁰ “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” ¹² The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Job 1:9-12

III. Conclusion And Application:

⁸ **Be alert** and of sober mind. Your **enemy the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ **Resist him, standing firm in the faith**, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” I Peter 5:8