



OUR EXAMINER

One day, the Lord asked Satan where he was coming from and he responded that he had been going to and fro on the surface of the earth. And then God asked him. "Have you considered my servant, Job, that there is none like him on the surface of the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that fears God, and shuns evil". (**Job 1:8**)

Satan responded that Job fears God because he had been prospered by Him with a good family, good health, wealth etc. He asked for permission from God so that he could afflict Job, being sure that in adversity, Job would deny God. Thereafter in chapter one and two, we read about perhaps the greatest disaster that could befall a man. There, Satan acted like an examiner to test whether Job would be faithful under adversity. This role of an examiner is one major role of Satan in our lives. All of us will be examined by Satan at one time or the other but are you going to pass or fail?

Had it been that suffering comes only to bad people on earth; it would have been very easy to explain it away that it happened to them because of their bad ways. However, when we understand that we must all be tested at one time or the other, our perspective on the challenges of life will change to one that pleases God. A way that pleases God is the way Job responded when he was told that all his children has perished and all cattle lost.

"... the Lord gave and the Lord taken away: blessed be

the name of the Lord" (**Job 1:21**) Or when his wife, was unable to bear the suffering asked Job to curse God and die. Job responded.

"... you speak as one the foolish women speak, shall we receive good at the hand of God and shall not receive evil? (**Job 2:10**) Our lives however sweet, sometimes have the sour part of it. It may be that you are on the sick bed right now, or probably experiencing a disappointment that has destabilized you: it may be that there is something you are expecting from God that you have not got; or perhaps your business is not in good shape; or may be things have turned upside down in your life and you are questioning yourself WHY ME? Will you take it as an examination! You see, one thing about examination is that you are either promoted, asked to repeat or withdraw. I know that it is not easy to trust God when things are right in our lives but I have known from personal experience that God loves us too much to allow anything that will not result ultimately for our own good to happen to us. Beyond the dark clouds, there is always a silver lining. If you look at problems from the proper perspective, you will disappoint Satan and please God .i.e say like Job "... though he slay me ,yet will I trust in Him." (**Job 13:15**)

...when he hath tried me, I shall forth as Gold " (**Job 23:10**)

However, to be able to look at problems from the proper perspective, you need a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Have you gotten the relationship?

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Pray this prayer from your heart

"My Father in heaven,

I know that I am a sinner.

I believe that Jesus Christ, your Son died on the cross for my sin and rose from the dead to be my Lord. I now repent of my sin and invite the Lord Jesus into my heart.

Thank you for the wonderful gift of eternal life!

I will live for you as you reveal yourself to me in your word, the Bible.

In Jesus name I pray"

After the prayer, ensure that you attend a Bible based church so as to fellowship with other believers.

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