

JOB'S
FAITH
TESTED
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1 PETER 1:5-7

- 1 Peter 1:5-7 (NKJV)

who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

TEST #1
PROSPERITY
(JOB 1:1-5)

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He was rich in things, children and someone to take care of them

TEST #1 – PASSED

Job 1:1 (NKJV)

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was **blameless and upright**, and one who feared **God** and **shunned evil**.

TEST #2
POVERTY
(JOB 1:8-12)

TEST #2 - POVERTY (JOB 1:6-19)

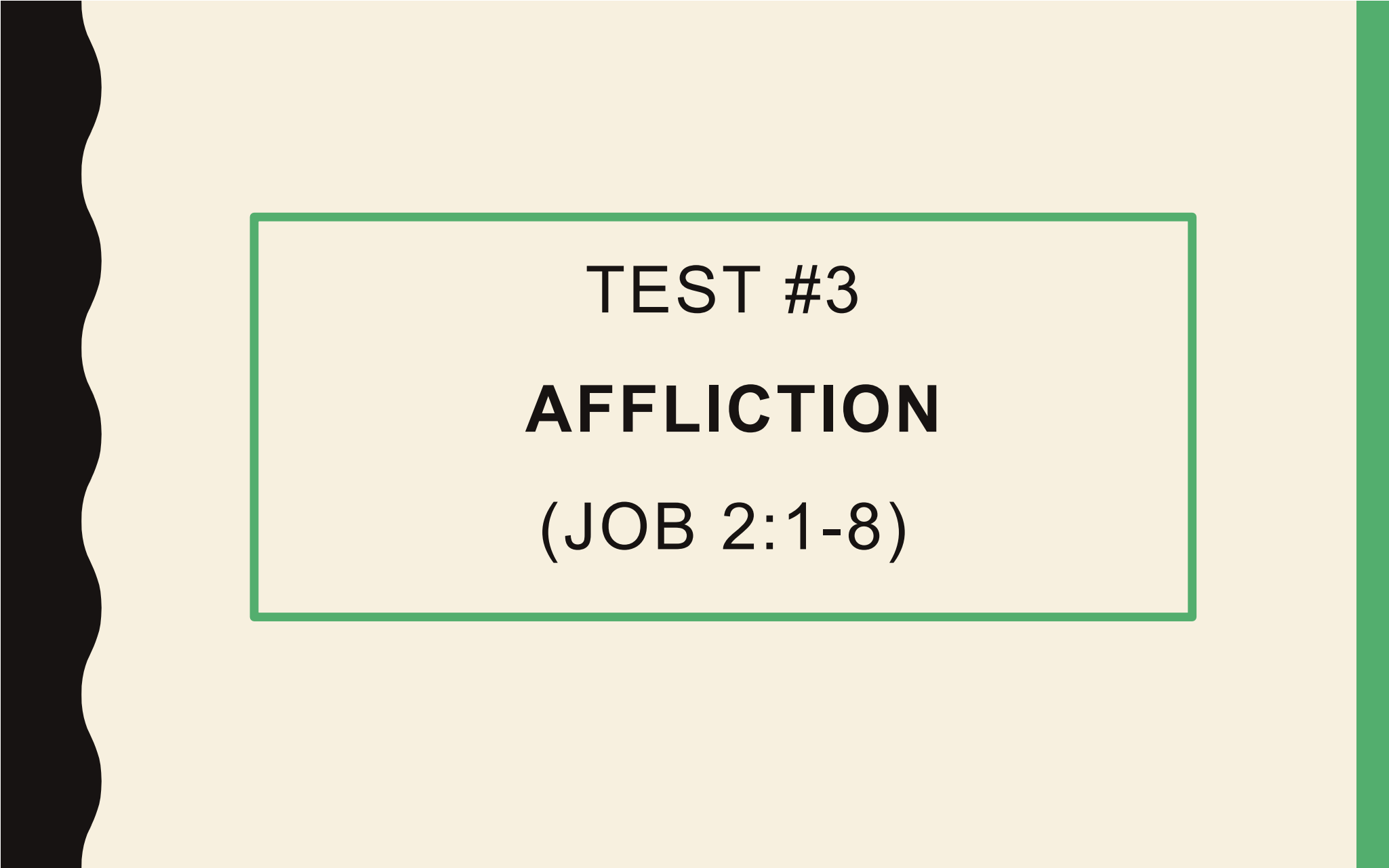
- Satan took away almost everything that Job possessed (1:15-17, 19)
 - Lost his wealth
 - Lost his children
 - Lost his servants

TEST #2 PASSED

- **Job 1:20-21 (NKJV)**

–²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and **worshiped.**

–²¹ And he said: "**Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.**"



TEST #3
AFFLICTION
(JOB 2:1-8)

TEST #3 - AFFLICTION

Satan smote Job “with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown” (Job 2:7)

TEST #3 – HOW DID HE DO? PASSED

- **Job 2:10 (NKJV)**

–10 But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks.

Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.



TEST #4
PERSECUTION

TEST #4 - PERSECUTION

- His **wife** encouraged him to “curse God and die” (Job. 2:9)

TEST #4 - PERSECUTION

- **His friends:**

- **Eliphaz**, explained that no man ever perished being innocent. Men reap as they have sown (Job 4:7-8)

TEST #4 - PERSECUTION

- **His friends:**

- **Bildad**, explained that God doesn't pervert justice. He declared that Job's children were sinners and God had "cast them away for their transgression" (Job 8:3-4)

TEST #4 - PERSECUTION

- **His friends:**

- **Zophar**, a third friend, informed Job that God had actually taken of him less than his iniquity deserved (Job 11:3-6)

A GOOD FRIEND IS:

- Someone who will NEVER encourage you to do wrong
- Someone who will support you no matter what goes wrong
- Someone you can trust and who won't condemn you before the facts are known

A GOOD FRIEND IS:

- Someone who is trustworthy and willing to tell you the truth
- Someone who is there to listen
- Someone who will cry when you cry and laugh when you laugh

TEST #4 – HOW DID HE DO? PASSED

He withstood their unjust criticism!



TEST #5
PERPLEXITY

TEST #5 - PERPLEXITY

Job did not know why these things were happening to him

TEST #5 – HOW DID HE DO? PASSED

- **Job 13:15 (NKJV)**

- 15 **Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.**

HE IS PERPLEXED

- Thinks God is punishing him (6:4)
- Thinks God is allowing the wicked to prosper while he suffers (21:7-16)

GOD QUESTIONS HIM

- Job 38:4–7 (NKJV)

- ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

- ⁵Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

- ⁶To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

- ⁷When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

JOB RESPONDS (42:1-6)

- Then Job answered the LORD and said:
 - "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You.
 - *You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?'* Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

JOB RESPONDS (42:1-6)

- Then Job answered the LORD and said:
 - Listen, please, and let me speak; *You said*, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.'
 - "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.
 - Therefore I abhor *myself*, And repent in dust and ashes."



TEST #6

POWER

TEST #6 - POWER

- The final test Job faced was power
 - Job was **vindicated**
 - His accusers were now in great need of **forgiveness**
 - What would Job do?
 - What would you do?

TEST #6 - POWER

- When we are sinned against (Mt. 18:15-17)
 - Go to them
 - If not corrected, take someone with you
 - Still if not corrected, tell it to the church

6 - TEST #6 - POWER

- What should we do when the one who committed the wrong won't correct it?

–Romans 12:17–21 (NKJV)

- **17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
- **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

6 - TEST #6 - POWER

- What should we do when the one who committed the wrong won't correct it?

–Romans 12:17–21 (NKJV)

- **19** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.
- **20** Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”
- **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

WHAT DID JOB DO? HE PRAYED!

- **Job 42:10 (NKJV)**

- **10** And the Lord restored Job's losses when **he prayed for his friends**. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

CONCLUSION

God Bless Job (Job 42:11-17)