

**The Bible Panorama – Poetry I: Job**  
"Story of Suffering and Faith"                      Job 23:8-17  
*Going Beyond* the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on January 14, 2018

***Entering In:***

*Share an experience of suffering (pain) that you had to go through,  
but after it passed you felt more blessed because of that experience.*

1. What do the verses of Job 1:1-5 describe about Job? [List all of Job's characteristics]

Why is it important to know Job's character as we read the book? In other words, what do you expect to see from the book?

What is Satan's claim in Job 1:9?

Why do you think God allowed Satan to test Job if he cared for Job's wellbeing? (Job 1:12)

Read Job 23:8-17

2. Choose the word that you think best makes the sentence true.

In verses 8 – 12, Job is concerned with the (*presence / absence*) of God.

In verses 13 – 17, Job is concerned with the (*presence / absence*) of God.

3. Why is Job seeking God (vv.8-12)?

Why do you think he is not finding God?

From what Job says, what does he confess that he believes about God/God's nature?

What would *coming forth as gold* out of suffering be like for Job?

Share your experience if you have experienced such a release or victory.

4. In verses 11 and 12, what does Job say about himself?

Do you think he is being self-righteous, or does he say these things for some other reason? For what other reason do you think he says these things?

If you could talk to God face to face when you are going through hardships, what might you want to say to him or learn from him?

5. In verses 13 and 14, what attribute(s) of God does Job consider? Justify your answer(s) with Job's testimony.
- A. Sovereignty
  - B. Immutability (unchangeableness)
  - C. Unity (oneness)
  - D. Holiness
  - E. Other

6. What is the *darkness* that Job speaks of in verse 17?

Why does this darkness not silence him?

What does make him stop and think about whether or not he should speak (vv.15, 16)?

When children don't like the tasks, restrictions, or other burdens laid on them by their parents, they often ask them, "Why?" Why do you think they do this?

When you are suffering hardships, is understanding the reason "why" you have to suffer really necessary for you to know? Why or why not?

What is it that you really need to know more than the answer to the question, "Why"?

7. Regarding our attitude toward sufferings, what are the three lessons Pastor mentioned in the sermon?
- A.
  - B.
  - C.

What is the danger of thinking that our suffering comes to us because of our sins?

How do you challenge someone who continuously sins without sounding judgmental? [Give an example if you have]

Why is it necessary to have faith in God's providence in our sufferings?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray for your soul to fix your eyes on Jesus in your difficult times.  
Pray for those who are going through some pain and sufferings  
that they may be released and have peace in God.*

