Intro: 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

I. The battle between Good and Evil –4 Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” 6 And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.” Job 2:4-6

a. The Book of Job is about a war between satan and God

b. Satan was using his three friends to sin against God

c. God never told Job about the spiritual war that is going on

II. Satan used His friends to turn on Job – 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Matthew 16:21-23

a. Satan used Eliphaz to question Jobs innocent

1. When have the innocent ever perished

2. But I have seen the wicked perish at God’s hand

° 7 “Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? 8 As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. 9 By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed. 10 The roar of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions are broken. 11 The strong lion perishes for lack of prey, and the cubs of the lioness are scattered. Job 4:7-11

b. Satan used Eliphaz to question Jobs doctrine – When you start to think that your vision is better than someone else’s doctrine then it no longer called a vision but division

° 12 “Now a word was brought to me stealthily; my ear received the whisper of it. 13 Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, 14 dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. 15 A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh stood up. 16 It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice: 17 ‘Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker? 18 Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; 19 how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth. 20 Between morning and evening they are beaten to pieces; they perish forever without anyone regarding it. 21 Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them, do they not die, and that without wisdom?’ Job 4:12-21

1. God does not allow the innocent to suffer for no reason – “remember who that was innocent ever perish”

• Listen Job you think that you have done nothing wrong, but your children, you cattle, have done nothing wrong and they are gone, and you are here, so it must by your fault that they died, because our doctrine tells us that God will punish only the guilty. Your guilty so curse God for take your innocent children away.

2. Listen Job my doctrine is sound and yours is not

a. I saw who I thought was God and you didn’t – 16 It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice:

• We are not told if this was God or Satan, even Eliphaz was not able to tell us who this was, all we know is that Eliphaz used the vision to tell Job how wrong he was and he right he was. I believe that this was satan.

b. God punishes his angels, and he is punishing you – 18 Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; 19 how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth.

• It is funny in a that Eliphaz mentions angels here. After we have just read how satan and God is dueling over the righteousness of Job. This furthers my belief that satan is using him to try and get Job to turn his back on God.

c. Satan is using Eliphaz by seeing Job suffering through a bias revelation

• He never once asked to pray for Job or offer some kind words of compassion. He never reached out to him as a friend in need, but instead condemned him through a vision that he may or may not have seen correctly.

c. Satan used Eliphaz to warn Job of God’s judgment of sin

1. There is danger in the foolish anger of man towards God

2. This anger will see his sons crushed and his harvest reduced

3. Affliction comes because man is born into trouble

• Satan uses just enough truth to make the lies sound believable. Yes, it is foolish to be angry at God, but being angry at God is not a sin. Jonah was angry with the Lord in Jonah 4:9. It may not be a wise thing to do but it does not always mean that it is a sin. Yes, this type of anger can lead to rough and hard life, but it is not God’s fault that you are so angry. Yes, we are born into sin, and we will die because of the curse of sin, but this is not God’s fault either, all of this can rest at the feet or our own failure.

° 1 “Call now; is there anyone who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? 2 Surely vexation kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple. 3 I have seen the fool taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling. 4 His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the gate, and there is no one to deliver them. 5 The hungry eat his harvest, and he takes it even out of thorns, and the thirsty pant after his wealth. 6 For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble sprout from the ground, 7 but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. Job 5:1-7

d. Satan directs Job to be more like him

1. Seek God and commit your cause to Him

• Wow, what arrogance and self-righteousness baloney. Eliphaz was actuality saying to Job you are a phony, and you need to stop this pretending and repenting, when in all actuality it was Eliphaz that was the phony.

2. Eliphaz was saying that Job was not doing enough for God

• At the throne of God when Satan was asking that he has been around the world and there were not challenging people that could challenge his wit and cunning, but God mentioned that there was Job and not Eliphaz. It sounds like to me that Eliphaz was high on his own righteousness rather than helping Job through his suffering. I think that satan knew Eliphaz’s weakness an explosion to hurt Job even more.

° 8 “As for me, I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause, 9 who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number: 10 he gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields; 11 he sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. 12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. 13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are brought to a quick end.14 They meet with darkness in the daytime and grope at noonday as in the night. 15 But he saves the needy from the sword of their mouth and from the hand of the mighty. 16 So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth. Job 5:8-16

e. Satan used Eliphaz to double down on how wrong Job was – 27 Behold, this we have searched out; it is true. Hear, and know it for your good.” Job 5:27

• No matter how you tell people that you are living in the word of God, someone will always think that they are better than you. Note what he said, “we did our diligence and exhaustive research and came up with a comprehensive package, that lead us to the conclusion that you are still wrong, trust us we know. You need to do this for your own good”.

III. God never told Job about His spiritual battle with satan

a. God knew that Job was not going to betray him, satan did not

• This should put a end to the doctrine that satan knows the future with, witchcraft, ouija board, tarot cards, and other black magical satan stuff. Satan can never predict the future and will never predict the future. Our life is in Creator of all thing’s hands, not satan.

b. He knows the pathway to victory satan does not

• God knows what you are going through. Job brought his complaints to the Lord and the Lord let him speak and Job said he would be quite, and then for the next three chapters the Lord explain why His was God, and never explained why Job had to face his adversity. So, the next time you facing a trail remember that God maybe using you to face off with satan and you and Him will defeat that snake and become victories in His name.