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Are you a person who reads certain parts of the Bible and neglect others?

You might think, reading of Job's problems is the last thing you want to read.

You might think, I have enough problems in life without hearing about his.

You might think, I just want to read my favorite parts of the Bible and skip the rest.

But we do well to read, and heed, all of the Bible because 2 Timothy 3:16 says,

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Please study this verse in context reading from Job 1:1-22.

Verse 1 describes Job as blameless, upright, feared God, and avoided evil.

Verse 2 describes Job being blessed with many children.

Verse 3 describes Job as a very wealthy man.

Verse 4 describes Job's children enjoying being together.

Verse 5 describes Job as a man of deep religious convictions.

Verses 6-12 describes a switch from the physical realm to the spirit realm.

VerseS 13-19 describes Job suddenly being faced with horrific circumstances.

Verses 20-21 describes Job worshipping God in the worst of circumstances.

Job did not know Satan was behind the attacks to make him blame God.

Job did not have any warning of the sudden difficulties he would face.

Job did not know why so many bad things were happening to him.

Job did not stop worshipping God even when things got worse.

Job did not have the book of Job to read.

Job was living the book of Job.

Job was going through it.

We know why Job was encountering all these horrific problems because we can read through Job chapter one, but Job had to live through chapter one.

Do you merely want to read biographies, or do you want to live a biography?

Be careful how you answer that question.

Satan used people to hurt Job.

Satan uses people to hurt us.

Satan tried to make Job bitter against God.

Satan tries to make us bitter against God.

Now let us conclude with the following verses,

Job 1:20 "HE FELL TO THE GROUND AND WORSHIPED."

Job 1:21 "THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD."

Job 1:22 "THROUGH ALL OF THIS JOB DID NOT SIN NOR DID HE BLAME GOD."

By the grace of God, Job serves as our role model in how to act in difficulties.

The Lord is teaching us through Job's example how to respond to difficulties.

Whatever horrific things you face, never turn your back on the Lord.

May our Lord help us to quickly turn to Him and not turn away from Him.

#### Let's pray: