

# SUFFERING...SOVEREIGNTY...FAITH

## Job 1:1-2:10

### I. God's Sovereignty

1. God is totally and completely in control
2. God sets limits on Satan's activities
3. God is compassionate

***Psalm 147:3-4***

***<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.***

***<sup>4</sup>He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.***

4. God has a purpose and plan in our suffering
5. At times God's plans are beyond our comprehension

***Isaiah 55:8-9***

***<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.***

***<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.***

6. God is not obligated to give us an explanation

### II. Job's Faithfulness

1. Held loosely his possessions; held fast his integrity

2. Had a “communion faith” and not a “contract faith”

“It is easier to lower your view of God than to raise your faith to such heights.” – Francis Andersen