

DGM Message Summary: Twice As Much

<u>Message Summary:</u> Every day of our lives, we are tested. We may feel like we won't get through our situation, but God only puts in us in situations that we can handle. God wants us to know that no matter who we are, or what material possessions we have, we can still be tested by the devil, and come out on top.

Scriptural References (NKJV):

- Job 1:1, 29
- 1 Timothy 6:10
- Job 2:7
- Job 42:10

Key Points:

- The first chapter of Job is an introduction to not only who Job is, but is also an introduction for the entire book of Job.
 - o He was a gentile and man who protected those in need.
 - o He was kind of like a Mother Theresa in the ancient world.
 - o He was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, and a father to the poor.
 - He loved God, but also feared and respected God.
 - o He was a well-to-do man maybe even a King.
- The depth of his goodness starts with his good character, family, and wealth.
 - o When you measure people, don't only measure them by looking at their stuff.
 - His wealth was not measured in paper money, instead it was measured in how much land and livestock he owned.
- We must allow the scripture to teach us, train us, and guide our thinking.
- The Bible does not have a problem with wealth or money.
 - o It's when you put money above friendship, above family, above God. That's when it becomes an issue. (1 Timothy 6:10)
 - o But when money is used in the right way, it's a tool; it's an instrument.
- Job was the priest of the home.
- An evil day comes.
 - o It's called an 'evil day' in the new testament.
 - o You can't stop evil days, they're going to come and go. We all have difficult days.

- On that day, the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord
 - o Satan was a part of that group of Sons
 - o God was unbothered and unintimidated by Satan.
- The Lord asked Satan where he had been.
- Satan says he's been roaming the earth.
- The Lord tells Satan to consider his servant Job.
- Satan says, have you not made a hedge around Job?
 - Satan implies to the Lord that the only reason Job loves him is because of the stuff (material possessions like livestock, and land) he has given him.
 - But Satan was wrong.
- The most important thing in life is God's blessing.
 - All our gifts are great contributions to planet earth, and as we stand together, instead of competing with one another, we need to use our gifts and talents, and the blessing that God gave us, to make the world a better place.
 - o Possessions are not evil. Satan is the one who preaches that lie.
- If you're in a test, it's only because God has given what you need to get through that test.
 - Whatever crisis you have, you must have what it takes to get to the other side or God wouldn't have brought you to it.
 - o We walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and then we get to the place where our cup runs over.
- Job begins to develop blisters on his body, and the devil begins to speak through his wife's mouth.
 - o We all say things that we don't mean when we're afraid or upset.
- Job never gets the privilege of reading the end of his story, but because of faith, he could make
 it through.
- God knew the end from the beginning. God knew that Job had what it took to get through everything that the devil would throw at him. And in the end, the Lord restored all of Job's loses.