

**JOB SERIES TWO**  
**BRUISED HEARTS OFTEN EMIT THE SWEETEST FRAGRANCE**  
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**JOB 1:12-22; 1 TIMOTHY 6:7-8; PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13**  
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LET'S TAKE A MOMENT AND REVIEW THE LESSONS WE LEARNED LAST WEEK.

1. We face an unseen, God-hating enemy who would love to destroy us. Fortunately, we are not defenseless.
2. Life is not fair. There are trials we endure that we do not deserve. Mourn and receive comfort for your hurts and live on.
3. There are times when God chooses to lower the hedge. Nothing is out of control. We must trust Him as we live our lives in the dark.
4. God provides us a hedge of protection. So don't be stupid. Stay inside it.

NOW, LET'S EXAMINE JOB'S CALAMITIES (JOB 1:12-19).

"While he was yet speaking," indicates the rapidity of the movement of Satan, and his desire to overwhelm Job with the suddenness and greatness of his calamities. The object was to give him no time to recover from the shock of one trial before another arrived .

Afflictions do not often come alone.

The suffering is harder when we don't know why.

At the end of verse 19, pause and let the grief sink in.

The only one taking delight in this scene is Satan. He and his demonic hosts are watching and waiting for the cursing to come from Job's lips.

NOW, LET'S EXAMINE JOB'S RESPONSE IN JOB 1:20-22.

We've all been there—when no one can answer, "Why?" No one can explain the reason for the ruin.

In Hebrew there are nine words to verse 20, which tell us what Job did, before we learn in verse 21 what Job said. Nine of the five words are verbs.

*Got up*  
*Tore*  
*Shaved*  
*Fell*  
*Worship*

The only one cursing is Satan. He hated that Job would live through calamity and then worship a God who allowed these kinds of things to happen.

Look at Job's magnificent response: "Naked I came," as he looks back to his birth, "naked I will return," as he looks ahead to his death. Think of that.

1 Timothy 6:7-8: "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

The possessions never owned Job. This is the curve that he threw back into the face of Satan.

"Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God."

FINALLY, LET'S DRAW OFF SEVERAL APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE TO OUR PROFIT.

1. Bruised Hearts Often Emit The Sweetest Fragrance.

2. Afflictions Will Come. We Must Trace The Calamity Ultimately To God.

3. God Owns The Right To Give And To Take Away. Hold Everything Loosely.

4. God Does Not Remove Every Trial And Trouble. He Does Provide The Grace And Strength We Need To Live Through Them.