"Questions Raised"
Job 1:6-22
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I. Questions Raised Indirectly

A. Who are the "sons of God"?

1. Not the souls of humans in heaven (see Job 38:6-7).

2. They were spiritual beings who played an administrative role in heaven and had some authority over the nations.

   Psalm 82:1 *- God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment.*

   Deuteronomy 32:8 *- When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.*

3. Some were fallen (see Ps. 82 and Gen. 6).

B. What was Satan doing in heaven?

1. Satan appears to be one of the "sons of God". (Job 2:1)

2. Satan played some sort of legal, prosecutor-type role in heaven's courts, though it was corrupted by his fall into sin.

3. Satan was not tossed out of heaven permanently until after Christ's ascension.

   Revelation 12:9-10 *- And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."*

C. Why did the Lord initiate the dialogue with Satan concerning Job?

1. Like all events that occur, this entire series of events, including the tragedies that struck Job, took place according to God's will and providence.

   Ephesians 1:11 *- In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.*

Amos 3:6b *- …Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it?*

2. Still, as is always the case, any sin or evil in these events belonged solely to Satan and those he incited to attack Job.

   Genesis 50:20 *- As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

II. A Question Raised Directly

A. "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

1. As in, was Job's service of the Lord based on nothing but Job's present happiness with God's blessings?

2. Job's worshipful response after being devastated showed the Satan's accusations were false.

B. "Do we fear God for nothing?"

1. Is our faithfulness to the Lord based only on what He's done for us lately?

2. Any aspect of this can form cracks in our faithfulness that can be exposed when intense trials come our way.

3. We need to be aware of such attitudes and repenting of them.