JOB THE MAN (2) JOB 1:1-5

<u>Job 1:1</u> THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job...so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

<u>Job 1:8</u> And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

<u>Job 2:3</u> And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, **that there is none like him in the earth**, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Characteristics of greatness:

1. Job – a man **committed** to His God (& godliness)

<u>Job 1:1</u> THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was <u>Job</u>; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

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Thoughts:

- > This is stated three times
- > Once by the author / editor
- > Twice by God Himself
- ➤ Godliness internally: whole, entire
- ➤ Godliness externally: upright, did right
- > Godliness vertically: feared God...
- > Godliness horizontally: eschewed / avoided evil

2. Job – an agropastoralist (highly) competent in his work!

<u>Job 1:3</u> His substance also was <u>seven thousand sheep</u>, and <u>three thousand camels</u>, and <u>five hundred yoke of oxen</u>, and <u>five hundred she asses</u>, and <u>a very great household</u>; so that this man was **the greatest of all the men of the east.**

<u>Job 1:15</u> And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, **they have slain the servants** with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

<u>Job 1:16</u> While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, **and the servants**, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

<u>Job 1:17</u> While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, **and slain the servants** with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

When I first read this I saw the obvious, extreme wealth...<u>then</u> I saw a very, high level of c 7,000 sheep

3,000 camels

500 yoke of oxen

500 she asses

A very great household

3. Job – a father (intimately) connected & concerned with his family

<u>Job 1:4</u> And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. <u>Job 1:5</u> And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Thoughts:

- > A big family: 7 sons, 3 daughters
- > A loving, connected family
- > Dad was highly connected
- > Job led in all part of worship & did so faithfully and sincerely
- > A godly man's man...

He led He was the "go-to guy" No looking to his wife