

# The Pressure of Pain

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Job 2.
- B. The first argument of the gospel is that God is there.
- C. Job gives the heavenly perspective of suffering.

## II. In suffering, Satan always aims at getting us to cry out against God.

- A. God gives and takes away—it is His right to do so, and He is not unjust in doing so.
- B. Job did not forsake God in all of his suffering.
- C. Job's wife however gives up her faith and tells Job to do the same.
  - 1. Job responds gently to his wife.
  - 2. His wife's philosophy is that life is about pleasure.
  - 3. Satan's attack is aimed at getting us to be resentful.

## III. Job's friends feel like Job is being punished for some sin.

- A. They come to comfort him.
- B. However, they find it difficult because they believe Job deserves his circumstances.

## IV. God has an aim in suffering.

### Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that God cannot be good because of suffering in the world?

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2. In what ways have you struggled to walk away from God when you have suffered?

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3. What does the response of Job's friends teach us about encouraging people in the midst of suffering?

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