

**The Christian Reality of Evil and Suffering**  
(The Errors of Prosperity Theology)  
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Job 1-2

**Introduction:** Job's life is described in Job 1:1-5

- Note the reality of the spiritual realm at play here in Job's life...
- Job 1:6-7 and Job 2:1-3
- Yes, spiritual warfare is a reality!

**Proposition:** The book of Job demonstrates that a sovereign righteous God is sufficient and trustworthy for every situation in life, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

**I. Job Lost His Prosperity, vs. 1:6-12.**

- His wealth
- His good life
- His good family...

**II. Job Lost His Good Health, vs. 2:1-6.**

- Chronic illness
  
- Lack of wellness

A. Jewish calamity / prosperity theology Jesus dealt with...

1. Luke 13:1-5
2. John 9:1-3

B. Life is to have struggles...

1. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
2. 2 Corinthians 4:7-5, 10
3. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

C. Suffering is not always the consequence or result of sin or wrong choices. Sometimes it is the will and purpose of God for our lives

**Conclusion:** Is a Christian supposed to ever suffer?

- Job 2:10
  
- Romans 8:18-24, 28, 35-37, 38-39