

THANK GOD FOR THE HEDGE

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – The purpose is to help you strengthen your prayer life
 - Title – “Thank God for the Hedge”
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- Let’s examine the scriptures about the Hedge in the Book of Job

Job 1:10	Satan to God – “Have you not made a hedge around him [Job], around his household, and around all that he has on every side?”
1	Job – blameless and upright – who feared God and shunned evil
2	7 sons and 3 daughters
3	7,000 sheep – 3,000 camels – 500 oxen – 500 female donkeys – a very large household – Job was the greatest of all the people of the East
4	his sons would feast in their homes – they would send for the 3 sisters to eat and drink with them
5	when their feasting was over, Job would rise up early in the morning and offer burnt offerings (for each of them) – Job said, “it is possible that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts” – Job did this regularly
6	God and sons of God (angels) – Satan came among them
8	“Have you considered My servant Job?”
9-11	Satan recommended details for a trial
12	God approved the details
Job 2:4-5	Satan recommended additional details for a trial
6	God approved the details

- God set the original hedge
- God adjusted the hedge
- Did God promise a continual hedge?

Gen. 6:17	God withdrew the hedge – for Noah’s flood
Exod. 12:13	God gave a hedge to the children of Israel – under the blood of the lamb
Exod. 14:21-25	God gave a hedge to the children of Israel – passing through the sea
Exod. 32:10	God said He would make a great nation through Moses
11-13	Moses advised God not to change the hedge
14	God “relented from the harm”

- A lesson – God desires communication with His children – our prayers
 - NOT a lesson – to conclude that God could not control His temper
 - NOT a lesson – to conclude that Moses was more mature & righteous than God
 - A lesson – God was watching the reaction of Moses – as parents watch their children
- Psalm 2:1-12 God sees what is occurring – trust Him

Ezek. 22:30 God said – I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and
 stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land – that I should not
 destroy it – but I found no one

Heb. 11:35-40 some disciples faced troubled times – and received God's approval

Rev. 20:4 some disciples beheaded – before reigning with Christ