Memory Verse- I Peter 5:8

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ”

Have you ever considered all that goes into the making of a movie? The countless hours of planning, writing, filming, and producing. We typically do not consider nor have any idea all that goes into making the movies we watch. Many movies offer bonus features such as funny outtakes, deleted scenes, and the story behind the making of movie.

After watching the bonus features you get a behind the scenes look and see the movie in a whole new light. Things that you did not see before now appear clearly. You will grasp the reasoning and purpose behind the scenes, lines, and actors that you did not catch before.

If Job’s life was a movie, the verses we are going to read would be included in the bonus features. The verses give us a behind the scenes look to provide understanding as to why all this suffering is occurring in his life. In these verses we will discover: Who instigated the entire ordeal? Who is responsible? Who has the main roles? Why did this happen in Job’s life? Did Job do something wrong? Begin by reading Job 1:6-12 and 2:1-6.

Realize That God Loves You.
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ” (John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.
“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.” (Romans 3:23).

God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.
“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Our Sins.
“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).

We Must Personally Pray and Call on Jesus Christ as Our Personal Saviour.
The Bible Says, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13).
Behind the scenes, we are introduced to two characters, God and Satan. While we learn much about each, we want to focus in on Satan for this study. Here we gain valuable insight and truths into this character and his dealings with God and humans.

We discover that Satan can access God in Heaven and converse with Him in 1:6. He spends his time walking all over this earth in 1:7 and I Peter 5:8 warns us he is “walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” Satan is targeting humans to destroy and accuse them before God. Revelation 12:10 calls Satan "the accuser of our brethren."

Satan has tremendous power in our world. He has power over people and nations to move them to violence and war (1:15-17); power over nature (1:16); power over weather (1:19); and power to inflict people with sickness and disease (2:7). Notice that the employee in 1:16 attributed the evil to the fire of God. Satan’s prime tactic is to mimic the power of God so that people will accuse God for the evil he is in turn doing.

Satan’s power is limited and restrained by God in 1:12 and 2:6. We discover God’s sovereignty and absolute control over everything. “Almighty” is one of the key names for God which is used thirty-one times in Job referencing God as absolute controller. Nothing can happen in our lives without God producing or permitting it.

We must remember that Job was oblivious to the spiritual warfare going on behind the scenes. God gives us this added benefit of a behind the scenes look. We too must remember that we are oblivious to what is going on behind the scenes in our own lives.

God instigates the entire ordeal and Job is put on trial. God hand selected Job for this trial. Satan said guilty and God said not guilty. As the cause is revealed, we uncover that this suffering occurred not because Job had done something wrong but because he did everything right. God found no fault in Job’s life to warrant the suffering but Satan did (2:3).

Job is accused of being bought by God in 1:9-11. Satan accused God of buying Job’s faith and worship through His protection and material blessings. Satan’s verdict was if God removed these blessings then Job would turn on Him. The entire battle stems and hinges on 1:9. Satan prompts a big question that must be answered in the book of Job and in our own lives. Why are godly people godly?

Job is fully devoted to God because of who He was and not for what He had done for him. God allowed Satan to remove Job’s protection, all the material blessings, and even Job’s health but still Job loved and worshipped God. Job’s reaction to this terrible suffering silenced Satan and revealed that Job loved God unconditionally and had not been bought.

Satan is a real active enemy who hates you and wants to destroy you. Thought we cannot see him, we can see and feel the effects of his attempts to destroy humans all around us.

From Job’s life, we must ask and answer the heart searching question, Have you been bought by God? Do you only love and serve Him because of what He has done for you? If it is all removed will you still love and worship Him or will you curse Him to His face? Why do you love and serve God?