

## WEATHER OR NOT – HE REIGNS

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**Job 1:1-5 (NLT)**

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**Job 1:13-19 (NLT)**

3. The rain of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Job chapters 3 - 36

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**Job 42:10-13 (NLT)**

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The whole time these things were \_\_\_\_\_ Job, God was \_\_\_\_\_ Job.

The key: Job maintained his \_\_\_\_\_ God and was willing to keep \_\_\_\_\_ God while each of these very different seasons rained on him.

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