

Job

Suffering - Persuasion to Repent?

Job 3-14

Gathering: When have you been accused of something when you were completely innocent?

Today's Focus: Job's friends urge Job to admit his sin and repent to God so he can be restored.

Key Verses: *Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.* Job 5:17

[Did you not] clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.
Job 10:11-12

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Review of Study 1 (*Job - A Righteous Man Suffers*)

Introduction

WHEN was the book written?
WHERE did the story occur?
HOW is the book written?
WHO is the story about?
Is *the patience of Job* a good descriptor of Job?
Why or Why not?

Job Loses His Belongings - *Chapter 1*

What do we learn about Job (v1-5)?
What did God think of Job (v8)?
What does Satan ask God to do (v11)?
How does God respond (v12)?
What did Satan take to make Job suffer (v19)?
How did Job respond to his loss (v20-22)?
Did Satan win this battle?

Job Loses His Health - *Chapter 2*

What did God think of Job (v3)?
What does Satan ask God to do (v5)?
How does God respond (v6)?
What did Satan take to make Job suffer (v7)?
What advice was Job given (v9)?
How did Job respond to this advice (v10)?
Did Satan win this battle?

Summary

Was Job suffering as the result of a serious sin or sins?
What had Job done to deserve his suffering?
Had God sent the suffering to test Job?
Did Job realize the reasons behind his suffering?
Was Job happy about what had happened?

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Job Breaks the Silence - Chapter 3

How did Job's friends try to comfort Job in his misery?

Job 2:13

Who broke the silence and what did he have to say?

Job 3:1

For what did Job cry?

Job 3:3-4, 10 (1-10)

Job 3:3, 7

Job 3:11-13 (11-19)

Job 3:20-21, 26 (20-26)

Eliphaz's Cause and Solution - Chapters 4 & 5

How did Eliphaz respond to Job's cries?

Job 4:1, 3, 5 (1-6)

What did Eliphaz understand to be the cause of Job's troubles?

Job 4:7-8 (7-11)

How did Eliphaz gain this profound insight?

Job 4:12-13 (12-21)

How did Eliphaz explain situations when good things happen to bad people?

Job 5:3, 7 (1-7)

What was Eliphaz's solution?

Job 5:8, 17-18 (8-27)

Was Eliphaz's evaluation and advice correct?

How common is this *you get what you deserve* philosophy today?

What is dangerous about Eliphaz's claim to special insight?

Have you heard anyone tell someone else *God told me to tell you ...* ?

Why is such a claim so dangerous?

Job's Response - Chapters 6 & 7

How did Job respond to Eliphaz?

Job 6:1-3 (1-13)

What did Job think of his friends' support?

Job 6:14, 21 (14-23)

How did he respond to Eliphaz's call to repent of his evil so God would restore him?

Job 6:24 (24-30)

What else did Job cry out?

Job 7:4-5 (1-5)

What did Job conclude to be God's plan for him?

Job 7:8 (6-10)

What does Job then ask God?

Job 7:17-20 (11-21)

Did Job agree with Eliphaz's analysis?

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Bildad's Cause and Solution - *Chapter 8*

What did Bildad understand to be the cause of Job's troubles?

Job 8:1,4 (1-4)

What was Bildad's solution?

Job 8:5-6 (5-7)

Where did Bildad gain this profound insight?

Job 8:8,10 (8-22)

Was Bildad correct?

Job's Response to Bildad - *Chapters 9 & 10*

What did Job think about the idea of pleading his case to God?

Job 9:2-4, 20 (1-20)

Was Job trying to claim he was wrongly accuse of evil in order to save his life?

Job 9:21-22, 29 (21-31)

What did Job need to be able to plead his case before God?

Job 9:33 (32-35)

Since he didn't feel he could argue his case before God, what would Job say to God?

Job 10:2 (1-7)

What especially confused Job about God?

Job 10:8-11, 18 (8-22)

Zophar's Cause and Solution - *Chapter 11*

How did Zophar respond to Job's continuous claims of innocence?

Job 11:1-3 (1-6)

What was Zophar's explanation for the confusion?

Job 11:7, 12 (7-12)

What was Zophar's solution?

Job 11:13-15 (13-20)

Was Zophar correct?

Job's Replies to His Friends' Wisdom - *Chapter 12*

Did Job get humble, repentant, sarcastic or angry with his friends?

Job 12:1-3 (1-3)

How did Job feel about his friends' concern for him?

Job 12:4 (4-6)

Was it news to Job that God might be in control of his situation?

Job 12:7-9 (7-12)

What did Job feel that his friends need to understand about God?

Job 12:13-15 (13-25)

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Job Looks to the Wisest - Chapter 13

Who did Job say had the real wisdom?

Job 13:3-5 (1-12)

What did Job want his friends to do?

Job 13:13, 18-19 (13-19)

What did Job ask of God?

Job 13:20-22 (20-28)

Job Wants to Talk With God After the Resurrection - Chapter 14

Why did Job feel he was too insignificant for God to take so much effort troubling?

Job 14:1-2, 10 (1-12)

Why was Job not afraid of death?

Job 14:13-14 (13-17)

Was Job right in challenging God?

Was Zophar right in warning Job to be careful complaining to God?

Was Job right in not fearing death?

Closing Prayer

Next Week - *Suffering – Punishment for the Wicked?* (Job 15-21)

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