

Job

1 – Job 1—Satan’s First Accusation

Satan is alive and active! How can a kind and loving God allow terrible things to happen to a good and faithful person? What specific wording shows that God is in complete control of the situation? Satan tells God that He should strike Job with His own hand, how does God reply? Even though Job was struck with evil, how do we know that God was still in full control of the situation? How was it possible “in all this Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing”?

2 – Job 2—Satan’s Second Accusation

How is this similar to the first time Satan appears before God? How is it different? What does Satan want to do? Why did he have to get “permission”? Why did God give the permission? How important is “integrity”? Even Job’s wife... why is this so important in this story? And the three “friends”... say nothing for 7 days and 7 nights? Could we do that?

3 – Job 3—Job’s Opening Accusation

How do you feel about your birthday? Why did Job curse his? When death is preferred over life, is it okay to wish to die? What did Job need?

4 – Job 4-5—Eliphaz’s First Speech

For what is Eliphaz criticizing Job? Is it a valid criticism? According to Eliphaz, why can Job expect a quick rescue from God? Is Eliphaz correct? How will Eliphaz’s view of Job change if God’s rescue is not speedy? How do people today respond toward those whose suffering is lengthy? What’s the irony in 5:21? Who are the “we” in 5:27?

5 – (Easter) Job 6-7—Job’s Reply

[The “Easter verses” are 19:25-27 – but we’ll get to that later in the month!] How “heavy” was Job’s anguish? How “heavy” was Jesus’ suffering for us? From 6:10 – what is Job’s “joy in unrelenting pain”? (It is ours too!) What irony – 6:14-17! Is Job sinning in his question – 7:20-21?

6 – Job 8—Bildad’s First Speech

How does Bildad assume Satan’s role? Bildad simply doesn’t know the Gospel! What does Jesus say in Matthew 9:12-13 that completely reverses Bildad’s words?

7 – Job 9-10—Job’s Reply

What is the only answer to 9:1? How could Job make such a statement of faith (9:5-10) and still be suffering? What is Job’s realization 9:14-15? Again, what is the only answer to Job’s need in 9:32-34? Is it okay to talk to God as Job does in Ch. 10? Why or why not?

8 – Job 11—Zophar’s First Speech

Why did he think he needed to “answer” these words of Job? When might we “answer” when we should stay quiet? What “advice” did he give to Job? What “advice” should he have heard himself?

9 – Job 12-14—Job’s Reply

How does Job show how ridiculous was Zophar’s “advice”? (see especially 13:3-5!) What dangerous prayer does Job “pray”? (13:20-25 and 14:13)

10 – Job 15—Eliphaz – Take Two

What accusations does this “friend” make of Job? Are they justified?

11 – Job 16-17—Job’s Reply (2)

What do these verses teach us about “comforting” others? Is it a sin to speak about God in this way? What does Job say about “hope”?

12 – Job 18—Bildad – Take Two

How ironic is the response that he gives to Job? Note: v. 5-21 is poetry on the fate of the wicked (does this include Job?)

13 – Job 19—Job’s Reply (2)

Does Job’s “error remain his concern alone”? (v.4) Did “God wrong Job”? (v.6) or is this Job’s reply to “bad counsel”? What “famous” words does Job speak in v.23-27? Why are they repeated so often?

14 – Job 20—Zophar – Take Two

What was it that “troubled” him? (v.2-3) What is the cause of why Job is suffering? What grandiose statement does he end with?

15 – Job 21—Job’s Reply (2)

How does Job correct the three that are speaking to him? How would Job have been better off without his 3 “counselors”?

16 – Job 22—Eliphaz – Take Three

What false accusations did Eliphaz speak against Job? What are the answers to his opening questions - v.2-4? What was the real reason why Job was suffering so much? How does Eliphaz have things “backwards” in v.23-30?

17 – Job 23-24—Job’s Reply (3)

How does Job give a strong confession of his faith in God?

18 – Job 25—Bildad – Take Three

Is Bildad correct in what he asks? What does Bildad mean by asking these questions?

19 – Job 26—Job’s Reply (3)

(Biting sarcasm in response to Bildad!) Job’s “counselors” have accused Job of not knowing the mysteries and greatness of God. How do these verses reveal that Job is very aware of God’s greatness and His mysteries?

20 – Job 27—Job’s Closing Discourse

Has God “denied Job justice”? (v.2) or what does Job mean? Why doesn’t Job accept what his “counselors” are saying?

21 – Job 28—Interlude On Wisdom

What is the answer: “where can wisdom be found”? (v.12, 20) See v.28!

22 – Job 29—Job’s Past

What do we know of Job before Satan’s diabolical treatment of Job? (Recall what God said of Job - 1:8; 2:3)

23 – Job 30—Job’s Present

What was worse than his physical sufferings? (v.1-15; and v.16-23) How is that true for us today? Or is it?

24 – Job 31—Job’s Innocence And Oath

Is Job sinfully boasting? If not boasting, then what is Job saying here?

25 – Job 32:1-33:33—Elihu’s 1st Speech

Why does Elihu now speak for the first time? Is it important to “refute” someone? (v.3) Does Elihu speak “wisdom” (as he claims)?

26 – Job 34-35—Elihu’s 2nd & 3rd Speech

How is Elihu’s speeches different from the other three? (or are they?) What is Elihu forgetting?

27 – Job 36-37—Elihu’s 4th Speech

Does God need anyone to “speak on His behalf”? (v.2) What false expectation does Elihu continue - that many still hold to today? (36:11-12)

28 – Job 38:1-40:2—God’s 1st Discourse

Was God only answering Job out of the storm? What about the “friends”, you and me? What is God’s message to us? (Note Job’s challenge, 31:35) Why do we question God?

29 – Job 40:3-41:34—God’s 2nd Discourse

Why is behemoth (40:15) and “leviathan” (41:1) important? What does this teach us about God and His creation?

30 – Job 42—Job’s Repentance And God’s Verdict

How does God address Job’s advisors? Why did Job need to pray for them? Why did God bless Job again?