

# The Book of Job

## Lesson 1 – Overview

What do you think of when you think of Job?

Some opening thoughts:

- a) God wants us to love Him for \_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_ for us.  
(Job 1:11)
- b) Life is not just \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:33); Life is not \_\_\_\_\_. (Job 1-42)

Was Job a real person?

- a) Some say the book has the marks of an allegory. But,
  - 1) Chapters 1, 2 and 42b have all the marks of being simple, \_\_\_\_\_ records.
  - 2) In Ezekiel 14:14, 16 & 20, Job is as real as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) In James 5:11, the mercies of God are bestowed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) The details of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are not such as would occur in an allegory.
- b) Some hold that the interaction between Satan and God is improbable, so Job *must* be allegorical. But,
  - 1) Even if the interaction between God and Satan did not literally happen, this does not prove that no such man as Job existed.
  - 2) That this interaction did not happen is impossible to prove.
  - 3) See Luke 22:31, where \_\_\_\_\_ has asked to sift \_\_\_\_\_ like wheat.
- c) Some hold that the behavior of Job's friends seems improbable, so it must be an illustration. But,
  - 1) The discussion could actually have occurred but was written in more \_\_\_\_\_ form afterwards.
  - 2) The whole problem goes away if you realize that no \_\_\_\_\_ is given for Job's sufferings.

What do we learn about Job in verses 1-5?

# **Outline of the class**

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Lesson 4 – Chapters 3-7, Not All Advice Is Good

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Lesson 6 – Chapters 15-21, Responding Wisely

Lesson 7 – Chapters 22-26, The Study of God

Lesson 8 – Chapters 27- 31, Passionate Testimony of an Innocent Man

Lesson 9 – Chapters 32-37, One Final Monologue

Lesson 10 – Chapters 38-41, God Speaks

Lesson 11 – Chapter 42, Justice Rolls In

Lesson 12 – Wrap up.