

The Book of Job

Lesson 11 – Chapters 42:7-16

- 1) In Job 42:7, God is angry with Job's friends. Why?
- 2) In verses 7 through 9 what does God call Job (4 times!)?
- 3) In verses 8 through 9, what is happening to the relationship between Job and his friends?
- 4) According to verse 10, when did God begin to bless Job again?
- 5) As we age we should remember five things to make our old age vibrant:
 - Your _____ isn't old, so keep developing it.
 - Your _____ isn't over, keep enjoying it.
 - Your _____ isn't gone, keep using it.
 - Your _____ haven't vanished, so keep pursuing them.
 - Your _____ is not dead, keep serving and seeking Him.
- 6) A summary of the messages of the book of Job could run like this:

Maintain integrity no matter what happens; accept the challenge to change; keep a clear vertical perspective; think theologically; refuse to question the sovereign purpose of God; submit to His will, regardless; don't expect to understand His mysterious ways; count on the justice of the Lord to roll down in His time; humble yourself under His mighty hand; be assured that He misses nothing; rest contentedly in His plan; remember that some day yet future He will abundantly reward. (Swindoll).

Parting thoughts:

- A) God wants us to love Him for _____, not for _____ for us. (Job 1:11)
- B) _____ in the world is _____ responsibility—_____ Him.
- C) ?

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Lesson 10 – Chapters 38-42:6

- 1) What is God saying about Job in Job 38:2? How do you think this would make Job feel?
God is basically saying that Job is in the dark because he doesn't know what he is talking about, he has no knowledge. Job is humbled. Note that God didn't question Job's integrity or sincerity. He only questioned Job's ability to explain the ways of God in the world.
- 2) In Job 38:4-38, what is God asking Job? (See 4,12, 16, and 33.)
"Can you explain My Creation?"
- 3) In Job 38:39-39:30, what is God asking Job? (See 1, 5, 6, 19, and 26.)
"Can you oversee My creation?"
- 4) Describe Job's first response to God in Job 40:3-5. Does he confess any sin? Does he retract anything he has said? What would you do if your child answered you with silence?
Job is certainly humble here, not defiant, and he admits that he cannot answer, but he seems to be sticking to his guns. God sees this and keeps talking.
- 5) In Job 40:8-14, God states the personal issue between Job and God. What is it?
Job has put God in the wrong in order to maintain his own integrity.
 - a) A judge in Job's day would not only pass a sentence, but also then set things right for the injured party.
 - b) Justice in the world is God's responsibility.
 - c) Any person who, by complaining about particular events in his life, implies that he could propose to God better ways of running the universe than those God currently uses is rebuked here.
- 6) Describe Job's final response to God in Job 42:1-6. Of what does he repent?
 - a) Job withdraws from his accusations that God was unjust.
- 7) Job is content, even though:
 - a) None of his questions are answered.
 - b) He isn't healed.
 - c) He is still bankrupt.

Parting thought:

It's all about God, not me.

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In their effort to uphold God's justice, they ignored His mercy and limited His sovereignty. They went too far. They insisted that human suffering is always the result of sinfulness, and that boxed God in.
- 2) In verses 7 through 9 what does God call Job (4 times!)?
"My servant."
- 3) In verses 8 through 9, what is happening to the relationship between Job and his friends?
Restoration.
- 4) According to verse 10, when did God begin to bless Job again?
AFTER he prayed for his friends.
- 5) As we age we should remember five things to make our old age vibrant:
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Parting thoughts:

- A) God wants us to love Him for who He is, not for what He does for us. (Job 1:11)
- B) Justice in the world is God's responsibility—Trust Him.
- C)

For further study:

“A Man of Heroic Endurance, Job” by Charles R. Swindoll

Most of the “Parting thoughts” each Sunday were from this book.

“An Introduction & Commentary, Job” by Francis I. Andersen

A very readable and thorough commentary.

“Be Patient; Waiting on God in Difficult Times” by Warren W. Wiersbe

“The Problem of Pain; How Human Suffering Raises Almost Intolerable Intellectual Problems”
by C.S. Lewis

“Thru the Bible Commentary Series: Job” by J. Vernon McGee

“Job; Wrestling with God” by Paul Stevens

This is a small book of 12 studies for individuals or groups. It has good leader’s notes.

“Job; Trusting Through Trials” by Ron Klug

This is a small book of 13 studies for individuals or groups. It mainly provides questions about each section of Job.

“Let God be God” a sermon series by Ray C. Stedman

You can find these 14 sermons at www.raystedman.org/job