

Wisdom Literature – Lesson 10

The Wisdom of God in Job

September 14, 2025

Last week the Lord blessed us through Debbie's testimony of His faithfulness in her suffering the loss of her son and then her husband>>

This morning we will begin to look at the Book of Job with an outline>>

Job begins with a prologue [ch.1-2] and ends with an epilogue [ch.41:7-17]>>

The prologue gives us the background information we need to understand God's purpose for the Book>>

<<the characters, the context, the purpose and the theology>>

The epilogue vindicates God>>

God is cleared of any wrong doing and restores Job and rebukes Job's friends>>

Let's look at the structure of the Book of Job>>

1. The prologue>>ch.1-2
2. Job's lament>>ch.3
3. Three sets of speeches/conversations that reflect the increase tension between Job and his friends>>ch.3-31
 - 1st set>>ch.4 14
 - 2nd set>>ch.15 21
 - 3rd set>>ch.22 27
 - 4th a poem about wisdom>>ch.28
 - 5th Job's final defense>>ch.29 31
4. The four speeches of Elihu, each beginning with ...Then...>>ch. 32 37
 - 1st speech>>ch.32-33
 - 2nd speech>>ch.34
 - 3rd speech>>ch.35
 - 4th speech>>ch.36-37
5. God's speech>>ch.38 41
6. The epilogue>>ch.42
 - v.1-6 Job repents>>
 - v. 7-9 God corrects Job's friends>>
 - v.10-17 God restores Job>>

This morning we begin our overview of Job we need to ask ourselves the question>>

Do we believe the Bible is the very Word of God, infallible, accurate and True>>

The reason I pose this question will become evident in the opening verses of Job>>

1. The prologue>>ch.1-2

ch.1:1-5>>Job is introduced>>

v.1 Job's character>>There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.

v. 2-4 Job's family>>Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. 3 His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. 4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

v.5 Job's care for his family>>When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

ch.1:6>>A heavenly meeting>>

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and [the] Satan also came among them...>>

ch.1:7-12>>The challenge>>

The Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." 8 The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." 9 Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." 12 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.

Next week we will take a look at the participants in this heavenly meeting>>