



every moment worthy

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOB

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Lesson 1
Why Do We Worship?
Job 1-3

1. Five Things to Know about the Book of Job:

- a. It's _____.
- b. It's _____.
- c. It's _____.
- d. It's _____.
- e. It's often _____.

2. How To Read Job:

- a. Read with _____.
- b. Ask the right questions:
 - i. Why is God _____?
 - ii. Is God _____ or _____?
 - iii. _____ the righteous suffer?

c. Watch for Retribution Theology: (aka "The System")

- i. Definition: God _____ gives _____ things to _____ people and _____ things to _____ people.

ii. Why Retribution Theology is dangerous:

1. It affects our view of _____.

2. It affects our view of _____.

d. Look for _____.

i. The ultimate _____ of righteous suffering

ii. The ultimate _____ of righteous suffering

3. Who Is Job? — Job 1:1-5

a. Job is a _____.

b. Job is a _____. (v. 1a)

c. Job is _____ and _____. (v. 1b)

d. Job _____ God and _____ evil. (v. 1c)

e. Job has a large _____. (v. 2)

f. Job is extremely _____. (v. 3)

g. Job is most likely _____.

h. Job is spiritually _____. (vv. 4-5)

4. Job's Suffering — Job 1:6-2:13

a. The Conversation between God and Satan (1:6-12)

a. Our questions:

i. Who are the sons of God?

ii. Who is (the) Satan?

b. God's question: "Have you considered my servant Job?"

c. Satan's question: Why does Job _____ God?

d. The solution: God _____ the accuser _____ to test Job.

b. Job's First Test (1:13-22)

a. Job's _____ and _____ are taken from him.

b. Job's response: _____

i. _____ before the Lord

ii. _____ to God's sovereignty

iii. _____ God

iv. Does not _____

v. Does not _____ God

c. The Second Conversation between God and Satan (2:1-6)

d. Job's Second Test (2:7-10)

- a. Job's _____ is taken from him.
- b. Job's wife _____.
- c. Job response:
 - i. _____ to God's sovereignty
 - ii. Does not _____ with his lips

5. The Gravity of Job's Suffering: Job's Friends' Perspective (2:11-13)

6. The Gravity of Job's Suffering: Job's Perspective — Job 3

a. Job's Curse (vv. 1-10)

- a. What he curses: The _____ of his _____
- b. Why he curses it: _____ made him _____ to trouble

b. Job's Lament (vv. 11-26)

- a. What he questions: Why didn't he _____ at _____?
- b. Why he questions it: He is _____ his _____.

c. What Job 3 does for the reader:

- a. Forces us to acknowledge the _____ of righteous suffering
- b. Demonstrates the _____ of _____ in suffering
- c. Sets _____ for the upcoming conversation

Reflection Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, how familiar are you with the book of Job? Do you have any questions, fears, or expectations for this study? If yes, please describe them.
2. What has been your experience with suffering?
3. Write out a personal prayer asking God to use this study in your life.

Lesson 2
Theology Revealed
Job 4-7

4. The Friends' Foundation

a. Their system of theology:

- i. God is _____.
- ii. God is _____ and _____.
- iii. God _____ obedience and _____ wickedness.
- iv. Therefore, if I am suffering, it must be the heavy hand of God's _____ in my life.

b. What their system of theology is missing:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

5. Eliphaz and His Four Statements — Job 4-5

a. Be _____ with what you know is true. (4:1-11)

b. Be _____ in your understanding of your humanity. (4:12-5:7)

c. _____ yourself before the Lord. (5:8-16)

d. _____ to the discipline of the Lord. (5:17-27)

6. Job's Response to Eliphaz — Job 6

a. I am in unbearable _____. (vv. 1-13)

b. I need _____ from you. (vv. 14-21)

c. What have I asked of you? (vv. 22-30)

7. Job's response to God — Job 7

a. Is this all there is to _____? (vv. 1-10)

b. Please let this _____. (vv. 11-21)

8. Conclusion:

- a. Job's friends brought _____ and not _____.

- b. Job's previous understanding of blessing and suffering were consistent with his friends' understanding, but he now is being given insight to a _____.

- c. That truth is that there is _____ that points us to Christ.

- d. Job's pleas are _____ before God.

Reflection Questions

1. What is your understanding of why there is suffering in the believer's life?
2. Explain the term "redemptive suffering."
3. How does Job's pleas, questioning God's purposes, make you feel?

Lesson 3
Theology vs. Experience
Job 8-10

1. Bildad's First Speech: You Need To Repent! – Job 8

a. Bildad's Verdicts: (vv. 1-3)

- i. His verdict on Job: His _____ are _____.
- ii. His verdict on God: His _____ is _____.
- iii. His verdict on Job's kids: They were _____.

b. Bildad's Solution for Suffering: (vv. 4-7)

- i. _____ of your _____.
- ii. Pursue _____.
- iii. Expect _____. (Red flag! Who does this sound like?)

c. Bildad's Evidence: (vv. 8-19)

- i. The _____ of _____
- ii. The _____ of _____

d. Bildad's Conclusion: (vv. 20-22)

- i. God _____ the blameless and _____ the wicked.
- ii. If Job _____, then he will be _____.

2. Job's Response to Bildad — Job 9

a. A Glimpse into Job's Heart (vv. 1-4)

- i. His conflict: His _____ isn't lining up with his _____.

- ii. His desire: _____ with God

- iii. His fantasy: A _____ with God

b. The Source of Job's Fear: God is _____ (vv. 5-24)

- i. In _____

- ii. In Job's _____

- iii. In _____

c. Job's Practical Problem: (vv. 25-35)

- i. He can't _____ until he knows he's _____
with _____.

- ii. He doesn't know _____ to become _____ with
_____.

3. Job's Questions for God — Job 10

a. "Why are you _____ me?" (vv. 1-7)

b. "Why did you _____ me?" (vv. 8-18)

c. "Why won't you _____ _____ _____?" (vv. 20-22)

Reflection Questions

1. Has there ever been a time when your experience doesn't seem to line up with your understanding of God?
2. What does it mean that God is unpredictable?
3. Read Romans 5:1-11. In this lesson, Job doesn't know how to become right with God. According to Romans 5, how do we become right with God? How should that impact our view of our suffering?

ii. _____

iii. _____

d. The system is _____. (13:1-12)

e. I must take my case to God. (13:13-19)

3. Job's Address to God — Job 13:20-14:17

a. God, please _____ me. (13:20-22)

b. You are treating me as a _____ — tell me my sin. (13:23-28)

c. Sin in general _____ life. (14:1-6)

d. If man cannot be _____, then death is _____. (14:7-12)

e. Oh, that You would _____ my sin and bring me to life again!
(14:13-17)

f. If there is no _____, then there is no _____.
(14:18-22)

Reflection Questions

1. What do you think of “the System”? Have you ever applied the system to a situation?
2. How does sin destroy life?
3. Why does resurrection bring hope?

Lesson 5
Where Is Hope Found?
Job 15-17

1. Eliphaz's Second Speech: You Condemn Yourself! — Job 15

- a. Job's _____ condemn him (vv. 1-16)
 - a. His words are _____. (vv. 1-3)
 - b. His words are _____. (vv. 4-6)
 - c. His words are _____. (vv. 7-10)
 - d. His words are _____. (vv. 11-13)
 - e. His words are _____. (vv. 14-16)

- b. Job's _____ condemns him (vv. 17-35)
 - a. Eliphaz' Plan: Give Job a _____ to _____ himself
(vv. 17-19)

 - b. The wicked man...
 - i. Is _____ (vv. 20-24)

 - ii. Is _____ (vv. 25-27)

 - iii. Will lose his _____ (vv. 28-29)

 - iv. Will lose his _____ (vv. 30-35) (Reaps what he sows)

2. Job's Defense against Eliphaz — Job 16

a. Job's Defends His Words: You are _____! (vv. 1-6)

- i. Your words are _____.
- ii. Your words have _____.
- iii. You've forgotten your _____.
- iv. You've forgotten my _____.

b. Job's Defends His Life: _____ has made me _____
_____! (vv. 7-17)

c. Job Calls For Witnesses: (vv. 18-22)

- i. His _____
- ii. Ultimately: _____

3. The Remaining Issue: Where is Job's hope? — Job 17)

a. Hope is not found...

- i. In his _____ (vv. 1-10)
- ii. In _____ (vv. 11-12)
- iii. In _____ (vv. 13-16)

b. Where is hope found?

Reflection Questions

1. How are Job's friends terrible comforters? Have you ever had experience with a terrible comforter? Have you ever been a terrible comforter?

2. Read Romans 8:15-30.
 - a. How does Paul describe our relationship with God? (see vv. 15-17)

 - b. What is our future hope? (see v. 18 and vv. 28-30)

 - c. Who helps us when we are suffering and waiting to see our hope? (see vv. 26-27)

Lesson 6
Inescapable Hell
Job 18-21

1. Bildad's Second Speech: The Road to Hell — Job 18

a. You are _____ me. (vv. 1-4)

b. Five Truths about the Destination of the Wicked: (vv. 5-21)

i. Hell begins with _____. (v. 5-6)

ii. Hell is an _____ . (vv. 7-10)

iii. Hell is filled with _____. (vv. 11-14)

iv. Hell is a _____ . (vv. 15-16)

v. Hell is _____ at its worst. (vv. 17-20)

c. Bildad's Bad Application (v. 21)

2. The Woes, a Word and a Warning — Job 19

a. I agree, God is treating me as _____. (vv. 1-20)

b. My _____ still lives. (vv. 25-27)

c. If you don't understand _____, you'll never be able to
_____ it. (vv. 28-29)

3. Another Round about Hell — Job 20

a. The joy of the wicked is _____. (vv. 1-11)

b. The _____ of evil will ultimately _____ you. (vv. 12-19)

c. In the end, wickedness is _____ in hell. (vv. 20-29) (vv. 2-4)

4. Reality Check: The Wicked Aren't Suffering As Much As You Think — Job 21

a. Wicked people are actually _____ people. (vv. 1-16)

b. We rarely see the wicked _____ here on earth. (vv. 17-26)

c. Even after death, the wicked will continue to _____. (vv. 27-34)

Reflection Questions

1. Where is Job's suffering coming from and why is that your answer?
(In other words, prove it.)
2. Why is Job 19:25-26 the key passage in all of Job so far?
3. How do you explain the fact that wicked people are happy here on earth?

Lesson 7
A Mechanical God vs. A Mysterious God
Job 22-24

1. Eliphaz's Third Speech: God's Actions Always Makes Sense – Job 22

a. Job's Logical Problem: _____ suffering serves no _____.
(vv. 1-4)

b. ...but if Job is _____, God's actions are _____. (vv. 5-11)

c. ...and if Job is _____, God still _____. (vv. 12-20)

d. ...and if Job _____, God's response is _____. (vv. 21-30)

2. Job Is Confident That: — Job 23

a. He is _____. (vv. 1-2)

b. He is _____. (vv. 3-4)

c. God is _____. (vv. 5-7)

d. God is _____. (vv. 8-12)

e. God is _____. (vv. 13-17)

3. What Doesn't Make Sense To Job: _____ — Job 24

Reflection Questions

1. Do you believe God's actions always make sense from our perspective? If yes, what causes you to arrive at that conclusion? If no, why do you think there are times we don't understand God's actions?
2. Write out a list of examples of God's goodness in your life. How could you use this list when you are suffering?
3. Why is the "Day of Judgment" considered a reason for hope for both OT and NT saints?

Lesson 8
Where Can Wisdom Be Found?
Job 25-28

1. Bildad's Third Speech: Who Can Be Right Before God? — Job 25

2. What Job Knows About God, pt. 1 — Job 26

- a. God is _____ over His creation. (vv. 5-13)
 - i. Death is in _____ to Him. (vv. 5-6)
 - ii. The heavens and earth are _____ His control. (vv. 7-13)
 - iii. God is still _____ than what we know. (v. 14)

3. Summary Speech — Job 27

- a. I declare my _____. (vv. 1-6)
- b. May God _____ the you as He does the wicked. (vv. 7-10)

- c. I will warn you of God's _____. (vv. 11-23)
 - i. Their families are _____. (vv. 13-15)
 - ii. His _____ will be taken from him. (vv. 16-17)
 - iii. They have no _____. (vv. 18-19)
 - iv. Death _____ the wicked. (vv. 20-23)

4. I Will Fear God — Job 28

- a. Things of great value are _____ . (vv. 1-11)
- b. What is the cost of _____? (vv. 12-22)
- c. God holds the key to _____. (vv. 23-28)

Reflection Questions

4. What is your answer to Bildad's question, "Who can be right before God?"
5. Explain how an iceberg is an illustration for God.
6. Why does wisdom begin with fearing God?

Lesson 9
Our Suffering and Our Stories
Job 29-31

1. Introduction: The Stories We Tell Ourselves

2. Job Mourns His _____ — Job 29:1-25

a. What Job had experienced: _____ with God (vv. 1-5a)

i. What it looked like:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

b. What God gave Job: _____ (vv. 5b-6)

c. What Job did with it: _____ (vv. 7-17)

3. Job Mourns His _____ — Job 29:18-20
 - a. He expected a life with his _____. (vv. 18a)
 - b. He expected a _____. (v. 18b)
 - c. He expected _____. (vv. 19-20)

4. Job Mourns His _____ — Job 29:21-30:31
 - a. His suffering has affected his _____. (29:21-30:15)
 - b. His suffering has affected his _____. (30:16-22)
 - c. His suffering has affected his _____. (30:23-31)

5. Job's Final Statement — Job 31
 - a. The Big Question: Why is this happening to _____? (vv. 1-4)
 - b. Job's Defense:
 - i. I have not _____. (vv. 5-6)
 - ii. I have not been _____. (vv. 7-8)
 - iii. I have not been _____. (vv. 9-12)
 - iv. I have not mistreated my _____. (vv. 13-15)

- v. I have not mistreated the _____. (vv. 16-23)
- vi. I have not _____ . (vv. 24-25)
- vii. I have not _____ . (vv. 26-28)
- viii. I have not _____ my _____. (vv. 29-30)
- ix. I have not been _____. (vv. 31-32)
- x. I have not _____ . (vv. 33-37)
- xi. I have not _____ my _____. (vv. 38-40)

6. Conclusion

- a. What Job gets wrong: His _____
 - i. Job still believes _____ is _____ him.
 - ii. Job still believes in _____.

- b. What Job gets right: _____
 - i. With _____
 - ii. With _____

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean that “peace with God” looks like protection, clarity, friendship, and presence? Is “peace with God” a conditional or consistent reality for believers?
2. How did Job get his story wrong? Do you believe his bad perspective lessened his suffering or increased his suffering?
3. How does vulnerability help us adjust our stories? Is there a story that you’re telling yourself right now that could benefit from vulnerability with God or others? What would that look like?

Lesson 10
Not Past Sin, But Present Sin
Job 32-37

1. Elihu Speaks — Intro — Job 32-33

- a. _____ should you listen to me? (to the audience) (32)
 - a. Your friends haven't been _____. (vv. 1-5)
 - b. When _____ doesn't come with age, then God can speak through _____. (vv. 6-10)
 - c. It's not enough to _____ Job's words and walk away. (vv. 11-16)
 - d. Now it's my _____ to talk. (vv. 17-22)

b. Why should you listen to me? (to Job) — Job 33:1-7

- a. I am _____. (vv. 1-3)
- b. I am an _____ of God. (v. 4)
- c. I am willing to be _____. (v. 5)
- d. I am the _____ as you. (vv. 6-7)

- c. Let me summarize what you've been saying (33:8-13)
 - a. I am _____ before God. (vv. 8-9)
 - b. God is treating me _____ and as His _____. (10)
 - c. God has _____ me and looks for me to trip up. (11-13)
- d. God does speak (33:14-30)
 - a. God speaks through _____ and _____. (vv. 14-18)
 - b. God speaks through _____. (vv. 19-22)
 - c. God speaks through a _____. (vv. 23-30)

2. The Justice of God — Job 34-35

- a. Job says that God has not dealt with him justly. (34:1-9)
- b. If God is _____, then He's _____ God. (34:10-15)

- c. If God were _____, then there would be no example for _____ in government. (34:16-20)
- d. If God were _____, then He would not be _____. (34:21-30)
- e. You need to _____ to the Lord that you have handled this wrong. (34:31-37)
- f. Job, how is your cry different than _____ _____? (Job 35)

3. The Greatness of God — Job 36-37

- a. God is _____; He _____ the wicked and _____ the afflicted. (36:1-15)
- b. Beware of the dangerous options before you, Job (36:16-25)
 - a. God wants to bring you _____, but your judgment is _____ you. (vv. 16-17)
 - b. Your _____ can't get you out of trouble. (vv. 18-19)
 - c. _____ is not the answer either. (v. 20)

d. Don't turn to a life of _____. (v. 21)

e. Instead, remember God – _____
_____ on Him! (vv. 22-25)

c. Let's see God through His created seasons (36:26-37:18)

a. Fall (36:26-37:5)

b. Winter (37:6-10)

c. Spring (37:11-13)

d. Summer (37:14-18)

d. If you can't explain the seasons, how will you _____ yourself
before the God who controls the seasons? (37:19-24)

Reflection Questions

1. How is Elihu different from Job's other friends?
2. Do you believe God is just? Explain.
3. Do you believe God is great? Explain.

Lesson 11
Presence Impacts Perspective
Job 38-40:5

1. God Answers Job — Job 38:1-2

a. Four things to notice about God in the introduction: (vv. 1-2)

i. God's Name: _____ (cf. Exod. 34:6-7)

ii. God's Method: _____ of the _____

iii. God's Goal: _____

iv. God's Reason: _____, not _____

b. The Challenge: Can _____ answer _____ questions? (v. 3)

2. How Creation Was Made — Job 38:4-27

a. Do you know creation's _____? (vv. 4-15)

i. God made the world with _____. (vv. 4-6)

ii. God's workmanship produced _____. (v. 7)

b. Do you know creation's _____? (vv. 8-27)

i. God set creation's _____. (vv. 8-15)

ii. God knows the _____ of creation. (vv. 16-21)

iii. God knows the _____ of creation. (vv. 22-27)

3. How Creation Is Sustained — Job 38:28-39:30

a. Do you _____ for _____? (38:28-38)

b. Do you _____ for _____? (38:39-39:30)

4. God's Challenge: It's Job's Turn To Speak — Job 40:1-5

a. Job's Name: A _____ (vv. 1-2a)

b. God's Method: _____ (v. 2b)

c. God's Offer: Job's _____ (v. 2c)

d. Job's Response: A _____ (vv. 3-5)

Reflection Questions

1. How did God adjust Job's perspective? Why do you think God addressed Job's perspective rather than answer Job's questions?
2. Read Philippians 4:4-9. According to this passage, what are some practical ways we shift our focus from our suffering/anxiety to God's sovereignty?
3. Read Matthew 6:25-33. Why is God's plan and provision for creation a source of comfort for believers?

Lesson 12
The End
Job 40:6-42

1. The Accusation and the Challenge — Job 40:6-14

a. The Accusation: Are you really saying that I am _____? (vv. 6-8)

b. The Challenge: How about you _____ the world for a while?
(vv. 9-14)

2. Can You Restrain _____? — Job 40:15-24

a. These are mythical creatures that the cultural audience would have been
_____ with.

b. These creatures are actually descriptions of a _____ and a
_____.

c. These creatures were actual animals that are now _____.

3. Can You Control _____? — Job 41

- a. Can you _____ him? (vv. 1-7)
- b. Just try to catch him – it will be something you never _____.
(vv. 8-11)
- c. I am _____ than Leviathan. (vv. 12-24)
- d. Fighting him is _____. (vv. 25-29)
- e. He is to be _____. (vv. 30-34)

4. Job's Response — Job 42:1-6

- a. God can do all things – His purposes can't be _____.
- b. I spoke about things I didn't _____.
- c. I see you more _____ now and I _____.

5. Aftermath — Job 42:7-17

- a. Justification (v. 7)
- b. Sacrifice (vv. 8-9)
- c. Blessing (vv. 10-17)

6. Seven Truths about God

- a. God _____.
- b. God _____.
- c. God _____.
- d. God _____.
- e. God _____.
- f. God _____.
- g. God _____.

7. Four Truths About Man

- a. We don't have all the _____.
- b. We must _____ those who suffer.
- c. We should seek the Lord in our _____.
- d. Suffering _____ your heart—who are you _____?

Reflection Questions

1. How does God explain to Job why he is suffering?
2. What was Job's response?
3. What have you learned about suffering and God through this study?

