

JOB

Summary Of Job: Job is a godly contemporary of the patriarchs. He has been greatly blessed, but instantly he loses it all. Why? He gets no help from his wife or friends. God seemingly ignores him. Job addresses the mystery of unmerited misery, how to view God, and how to offer counsel.

Lesson: *In unmerited misery, and unresolved questions, still trust in God.*

Outline: (1) God and Satan debate [ch. 1-2]; (2) Job responds [ch. 3]; (3) Job and his friends have 3 rounds of debate [ch. 4-31], (4) Elihu gives 4 speeches [ch. 32-37]; (5) God gives 2 speeches and Job replies [38-42].

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JOB'S SUFFERING

Chapter 1-2 Job Loses Possessions, Family, and Health

Summary: Godly Job is blessed with family and wealth (1:1-5). Satan attacks Job's character (1:6-12). Satan destroys his possessions and family, yet Job still blesses God (1:13-22). Satan attacks Job's health (2:1-10), and Job's three friends come to comfort him (2:11-13).

Lesson: *Satan comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (Jn. 10:10).*

Chapter 3 Job Has A Death Wish

Summary: Job wishes that (1) he had not been born (1-10), (2) he had died at birth (11-19), and (3) he could die now (20-26).

Lesson: *Who has not despaired of life at one time or another?*

Chapter 4-5 Eliphaz Speaks Of Job's Sin And Chastening

Summary: Eliphaz rebukes Job's sin (4:1-11) and shares a vision (4:12-21). He says seek God (5:1-16), be chastened, and be blessed (5:17-27).

Lesson: *This is presumptuous counsel which does not apply to Job.*

Chapter 6-7 Job Replies To Eliphaz

Summary: Job defends his complaining (6:1-7), despairs of life (6:8-13), regrets his friends (6:14-23), and pleads for sympathy (6:24-30). Job says he suffers without comfort (7:1-10), and he will not keep silent (7:11-21).

Lesson: *In unmerited misery we are tempted, like Job, to complain.*