



Introduction

Before we begin to look at Job, there are basic rules to remember when studying the Bible.

These rules include:

- _____
- The redemption story is the central theme of the Bible.
- Decide who is speaking. The Bible is completely true even when it truthfully relates lies told by people.
- _____

There are some questions that are frequently asked concerning Job. They are:

- Why did God allow Satan to test Job's faith in redemption?
- Is it true that God gave Job over to Satan in order that Job might be purified and "come forth as gold", as many claim?
- Why didn't God heal Job right away rather than at the end of the book?
- What were the hindrances to Job's healing?
- Did Job's sickness bring him closer to or further away from God?
- What was the relationship between Job and his friends and how does it relate to us?
- What about the "patience of Job"?
- Who is the cause of sickness?

Some facts about the book of Job:

- The author of Job is unknown. Some attribute it to Moses.
- _____
- The purpose of Job is to reveal the three-dimensional spiritual war between God, Satan, and man.

Job – The man

1. _____

Job 1:1

Good upright living _____ shield us from Satan's attacks. Faith does.

2. _____

Job 1:2, 3

3. _____

Job 9:20

Ecclesiastes 7:20

As you read through the book of Job you can see a self-righteous tendency that increased in his life as his calamities grew worse.

- Job's children

Job 1:4, 5

- Job's wife

Job 2:9

4. _____

Often people think God did terrible things to Job. This is simply not the case.

Job 1:12

Job 2:7

5. _____

When people think of Job – they think of sickness. However, this was not the only thing Satan used to attack Job.

- An enemy army – Job 1:13-15
- Fire – Job 1:16
- Enemy soldiers – Job 1:17
- Tornado – Job 1:18, 19

It is important to understand that faith is a shield.

How does faith come? – By hearing the word of God.

Our ability to stand against the devil effectively is based upon our understanding of the Word.

If we do not have a good understanding of the Word of God, we cannot stand in faith against the attacks of the devil.

This was Job's main problem – _____

Some of what he thought about God was not true. The reason for this is that Job lived in a time of spiritual darkness (the oldest book in the Bible).

6. Job had a wrong opinion about God.

Job 1:21

Job believed that the Lord takes away.

However, the Bible teaches that God is good and that he gives things to us. Satan is the destroyer who takes away things from us.

James 1:16, 17

John 10:10

Because of his wrong opinion, he could not stand in faith.

Job 9:20

Job's own words _____ that he was not walking by faith.

As a matter of fact, not only was Job not living by faith, he was actually living in fear, which is the opposite force of faith.

Job 3:25, 26

1 Peter 5:8, 9

At the end of the book of Job, he repented of the wrong things he said about God.

Job 42:5, 6

Job's Friends

The Book of Job is a record of a _____ Job had with three friends.

Each of these men had an opinion about Job's situation.

1. Eliphaz from Teman – “God is chastening Job.”

Job 5:17

Eliphaz thought Job should be _____

Job 4:5-8

Eliphaz was saying, “You are getting what you deserve. But, don't worry, it is going to be alright.”

2. Bildad from Suah – “Job must learn patience.”

Job 8:3-7

Bildad was saying, “It is all because of sin. But, be patient, it will all work out in the end.”

We are never told to be _____ with the devil. We are supposed to resist him.

3. Zophar from Naama – “Sickness is God's plan for Job. God is working out His mysterious unknown plans in Job's life.”

Job 11:6-8

According to this, Zophar thought sickness and tragedy gave people wisdom.

God does not reveal His wisdom through these things.

God reveals His secrets by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. All we have to do is pray for this. Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus for wisdom.

Ephesians 1:17

We do not need sickness to make us wise. We can just ask God for wisdom and He will give it to us.

James 1:5

God is not working out mysterious and unknown things in our lives. Look at what the Bible says in the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

1 Corinthians 2:16

4. Elihu – God’s messenger

Elihu comes into the scene after listening to thirty chapters of nonsense.

In the next lesson, we will look at more of what Elihu said.

Job 32:1-14

Look at what God said about Job’s three friends!

Job 42:7

What Job thought and said

1. _____

We have already seen clearly that Satan was the cause of Job’s misfortunes.

2. _____

Job 3:25, 26

3. _____

Job 6:4

Job 7:11-20

4. _____

Job 9:11-17

Job 9:28

Job 9:32, 33

5. _____

Job 9:18-24

6. _____

Job 9:29

Job 10:3-7

7. _____

Job 24:12

The Word of God vs. The word of Job

1. _____

The Bible teaches that God is good and He gives things to us. Satan is the destroyer who takes away things from us.

Job 13:13-15

James 1:16, 17

John 10:10

2. _____

The Bible teaches that God is merciful and saves us from destruction.

Job 13:25-28

Psalm 103:4

3. _____

The Bible teaches that God does good and He fixes problems.

Job 14:19-22

Acts 10:38

4. _____

The Bible teaches that Satan is our enemy.

Job 16:7-9

1 Peter 5:8, 9

5. _____

The Bible teaches that God does not destroy but rather saves.

Job 16:12-17

Luke 9:56

6. _____

The Bible teaches that God will answer when we pray.

Job 30:20

Luke 11:9

7. _____

The Bible teaches that God is love.

Job 30:21

1 John 4:8

Why did God allow the devil to attack Job?

Job 1:8-12

Verse 12 – “Behold, all that he has in your power . . .”

This does not mean - “I am giving Job to you.”

Rather it means – “Don’t you know that you are already in the position to do whatever you want?”

Luke 22:31, 32

Satan has the right to attack people.

When you are born again you have weapons to stand against his attacks.
The devil comes against everyone, not just Job.

He attacked Moses, Elijah, Paul, and even Jesus!