

LESSON 40

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The Book of Job

The book of Job is one of the Wisdom books of the Bible. These books owe their origins to Near Eastern wisdom which consisted of maxims and sayings that concerned conduct in speech, deportment, and manners. The biblical Wisdom books reflect the times in which they were written. Some of the books pose questions about life, justice, goodness, and evil, but do not always answer these questions. The questions make us think about these issues in life, their relationship to God, and the place of faith in dealing with these matters.

Directions: Read Job 1-2. Then answer items 1 to 9. Use the other referenced scripture passages to help you to answer items 10 to 18.

1. Who is having a conversation in Job 1:6-12?

2. How does Satan explain the goodness of the man Job?

3. What challenge does Satan give to God?

4. What does Job lose in his first trial?
 - A. 1:14 _____
 - B. 1:16 _____
 - C. 1:17 _____
 - D. 1:18 _____
5. Job performs the traditional signs of mourning of that time. What does he do? (1:20)

6. What is Job's attitude toward his bad fortune? (1:21)

7. What happens to Job in his second trial? (2:7)

8. What advice does Job's wife give him? (2:9)

9. Three rounds of speeches are given in the story. In each round, one speech is given by one of Job's _____ (2:11)
10. In Job 4:7, 8:20, and 11:14-15, all three friends say that Job is suffering because _____.
11. But Job insists in 13:18-19 that he _____.

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12. Elihu, son of Barachel, in Job 32:2 sums up well the arguments against Job. Elihu is angry at Job for considering _____.
13. So the question that is posed here is why do bad things happen to _____.
14. Job questions God's wisdom in this regard and God responds to Job in chapter 38. What is God's response?

15. Job realizes his over-estimation of himself and meekly says in Job 42:3:

16. What happens to Job at the end of the story? (see Job 42:12-17)

17. The message of the story of Job is then that suffering in this world is test of a person's faith in _____.
18. The book of Job ends with the belief that the only thing which makes evil and suffering tolerable is to have faith in _____.