

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



JOB

MEMORIZATION – Job 19:25-26 – “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God...”

Chapter 1

1. The Lord uses Job as an example of a blameless man and Satan challenges that statement. According to Satan, why does Job fear God?
2. As God enters this “contest” against Satan what limit does He set?
3. What is Job’s first loss?
4. What is Job’s second loss?
5. Third loss?
6. Fourth loss?
7. How much time separates the news of these events?
 - v. 16a “ _____ ”
 - v. 17a “ _____ ”
 - v. 18a “ _____ ”
8. Job tears his robe and shaves his head (signs of mourning) and then:
 - a) what does he do?
 - b) and what does he say?

9. What is the result of Round One between God and Satan – did Job sin?

Chapter 2

Extra credit: Today many people deny the existence of Satan. Does the account of Job help you clarify your opinion?

1. God again holds up Job as an example of a blameless man. What is Satan's response?
2. What limit does God set this time?
3. What a wife! Job's wife gives him what advice?
4. Friends arrive. They sit on the ground silently with him for _____ days and nights.

Chapter 3

1. Job wishes he had not survived his birth. Write out 3:13.
2. Job longs to die. He is among "those who long for death _____, who search for it more than for _____, who are filled with gladness and rejoice when they reach _____."

Chapters 4 and 5

1. In chapters 4 and 5, the opinion of Eliphaz is that the innocent don't perish and the upright aren't destroyed. Therefore, in his opinion, what are Job's problems (circle one)?
 - a) a result of the sins of Job's children
 - b) correction and discipline of Job from God
 - c) a very bad coincidence of events

Chapter 6

1. Find verses that give clues regarding Job's reaction to the counsel of Eliphaz.

Chapter 7 – none

Chapter 8

1. The second friend's turn: In Bildad's opinion, what was it when Job's children died?

2. According to Bildad, what does Job need to do in order to be restored to his rightful place?

Chapter 9 and 10

1. It's the age-old argument of works righteousness. What is Job's response?

2. And then Job puts forth a beautiful testimony to the majesty of God. Pick out a phrase that you especially like and write it out.

Chapter 11

1. And we have a third friend's opinion. Zophar says that Job has so many sins that God has even _____ some of them.

2. Again Job is told "if you devote your heart to Him and stretch out your hands to Him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent," then what will happen?

Chapter 12 – none

Chapter 13

1. Job's reply sounds a bit sarcastic – and who can blame him? He stands up for himself and says he's not stupid. He again replies with a statement of God's power. But Job desires to _____ to the Almighty and to _____ with God. Have you ever felt the same?

Chapter 14

1. Job is ranting at God. However, even in his torment Job knows that he sins, but says that God will not _____ of his sin and will _____ Job's sins.

Chapter 15 – none

Chapter 16

1. It's everyone's second turn! Eliphaz "preaches" to Job in a condescending manner. And Job responds with, "Will your long-winded speeches never end?" As Job pours out his heart in anguish he also shows us a glimpse of his incredible faith and understanding. Job (and each one of us) has an "advocate" and an "intercessor" who "pleads with God as a man pleads for his _____." How comforting for us all!

Chapter 17

1. Read 17:3 and see how clearly Job knows that his redemption can only be secured by God (not himself).

Chapter 18

1. The "friends" are tag teaming and it's Bildad's turn once again. His many words end with:

- a) understanding
- b) praise of God
- c) accusation of Job

Chapter 19

1. Job's response to Bildad is heart rending. Then we hear beautiful words! Write out the proof passage regarding life after death.

Chapter 20 – none

Chapter 21

1. Three against one – Zophar's second talk to Job is again saying that God judges the wicked with calamities such as have happened to Job. In essence "Bad things happen to bad people." Using all you know from all of Scripture, which do you agree with (circle one):

- a) Bad things happen to bad people.
- b) Bad things happen to good people.
- c) Good things happen to bad people.
- d) Good things happen to good people.
- e) All of the above

Chapter 22 - none

Chapter 23

1. Job seems to know that his calamity is not a result of his wickedness. In fact, in his response to Eliphaz he says, "when He (God) has _____ me, I will come forth as _____."

Chapters 23-27 – none

Chapter 28

1. His friends have insisted that Job's problems are the result of sins he has committed that need to be confessed so that God will relent. But Job goes into detail (for several chapters!) to make his case that he has been faithful to God. According to Job, what is wisdom? And what is understanding?

Chapter 29

1. Read Job's beautiful description in chapter 29 of his life prior to his catastrophes. What phrase is especially uplifting to you?

Chapters 30 and 31 – none

Chapters 32-37

1. "The words of Job are ended." The three friends and Job have come to an impasse. But a young man now speaks up.

a) For how many chapters does Elihu speak?

b) Are Elihu's many words different from the three friends?

Chapter 38

1. The Lord speaks of His power over creation and puts Job and all humans in their place. This section is full of poetic phrases. What phrase is especially picturesque to you?

Chapter 39 – none

Chapters 40 and 41

Extra credit: (Can't pass up a chance to mention dinosaurs!) The Lord refers to the behemoth and the leviathan. Some people say these are simply the elephant (or hippopotamus) and crocodile. Many others believe these are references to dinosaurs. What do you think and why?

Chapter 41 – none

Chapter 42

1. Like Job, when we are confronted with God's power and majesty we, too, say, "Surely I spoke of things I _____, things _____ for me to know."

2. Why does the Lord chastise Eliphaz and his two friends?

3. Job's trial is over. The Lord blesses the latter part of Job's life more than the first and 140 years later Job dies _____ and _____
_____.

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