

KNOW and GROW → Week 12 Schedule and Questions:

Summary: We are now reading **Job** because he lived around the time of Abraham – *even though the book appears later in the OT.*

Now, as we enter into Job chapters 3-37, I pray you will ✦ read the assigned chapters in Job, ✦ benefit from my comments / questions below, and ✦ study with us on Sundays – *NOT these chapters from Job, but other pertinent topics.* We will return to Job on Sundays when we reach chapter 38 in the month of May.

Monday March 22 Job 3

- In this chapter, Job compared his life with that of the wicked. He began to think that their lives were more blessed than his – *physically YES, but spiritually NO!*
- From Job's perspective, *what would have been better?* (11, 16) _____
- Note some *apparent* benefits of death (17-19), but for all who die without Jesus *death will be even worse* (Revelation 14:11).

Tuesday March 23 Job 4

- As we hear from Job's friends, *Eliphaz here and the others later on*, let us keep in mind that their reasoning is logical, *but not Biblical.* In the end, God will reprimand Job's friends for not speaking the truth!
- Where should our confidence be? (See v. 6; then answer from Heb. 10:19-22) _____

Wednesday March 24 Job 5

- Eliphaz continues to speak logically, *sometimes correctly*; however, he is basically putting forth *The Theology of Glory* (do good and life will be good) rather than *The Theology of the Cross* (following Jesus can include suffering and death).

Thursday March 25 Job 6

- Job would rather _____ than deny the Holy One (8-10).

Friday March 26 Job 7

- Job looks at life in a pessimistic manner, seeing only the bad! *The Bible helps us see the BIG PICTURE, so use it!*
- Bitter people tend to _____. (11)

KNOW and GROW → Week 13 Schedule and Questions:

Summary: An overall theme in Job is that suffering in our lives is *not necessarily tied to particular sins.* For example: Are you suffering right now in some manner? We tend to ask: *Why me? What have I done to deserve this?* Sometimes we can point to particular sins; however, *most of the time*, we cannot make a connection, thus we complain – *UNFAIR!* Luther's Small Catechism Explanation declares: "Evil and suffering are in the world because of sin [thus sin in general; all have fallen, even creation itself]." (Q. 109)

Monday March 29 Job 8

- Job's friend, Bildad believes that Job **MUST HAVE SINNED**, *that's why he is enduring such great suffering!*
- Is v. 4 true or false? (see Eze. 18:4; Rom. 6:23) T F

Tuesday March 30 Job 9

- Job describes the greatness of God in comparison to himself. *Let's NEVER forget that HUGE difference!*
- Our arbitrators/mediators – *between us and God* – are not angels and saints, *but who?* (1 Tim. 2:5) _____

Wednesday March 31 Job 10

- In this chapter, as Job's suffering is becoming even more difficult to endure, *Job begins to question God.*
- Notice the words Job used to describe God's work of creating him in his mother's womb (8-11).

Thursday April 1 Job 11

- What is Zophar calling Job in vv. 2-6? A _____! Many so called Christians are such, *but may God help us to be true to His Word!* (1 John 2:3-4)
- Zophar suggests to Job in 13-15 – *YOU can fix your terrible situation!* But that is not true; we all deserve the worst; *we have God's mercy only thru Jesus!*

Friday April 2 Job 12

- Job speaks of his incomprehensible situation; then of God's care, wisdom, power, strength, and justice!
- We can and should believe God and fully trust in Him, *even when we cannot understand the circumstances of our lives.* Is that *true or false* (see Job 13:15)? T F

Answers:

Job 3:

- *To die at birth or be stillborn!*
- ^{NIV} **Revelation 14:11** “And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.”

Job 4:

- In the Person of Jesus – *His life, suffering, blood, and death!*

Job 5:

- The “good life” sounds good; however, Jesus told us:
^{NIV} **Luke 9:23** “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” The cross is a symbol of Jesus’ love, obedience, suffering, and death!
Similar things may come our way as we follow Him!

Job 6:

- *Die!* To deny God NOW could lead to a brief time of sinful pleasure; however, it is BEST to trust in God no matter what – *to the end* – and be with Him forevermore!

Job 7:

- ^{NIV} **2 Corinthians 4:18** “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:14** “Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world...”

Answers:

Job 8:

- Sin does bring death, but Job’s children did not die because of particular sins (see Job 1:12)! ^{NAS} **Ezekiel 18:4** “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.” ^{NAS} **Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Job 9:

- ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 2:5** “For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the man* Christ Jesus...”

Job 10:

- It is okay to question God in a respectful way. However, whether He supplies the answer or not, let us always trust in Him!
- Psalm 139 also describes *God’s work in the womb!*

Job 11:

- *Liar* – Job appeared that way, but he wasn’t! ^{NAS} **1 John 2:3** *And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.* ⁴ The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him...”

Job 12:

- God has told us MUCH in His Word; however, even when we cannot understand, LET US TRUST IN HIM! One day we will finally know the answers (1 Cor. 13:12).