

## KNOW and GROW → Week 16 Schedule and Questions:

**Summary:** In our readings this week we will see that Job is wiser than his so-called friends because he knows that God is somehow behind his suffering – *not that He is necessarily causing it but He is permitting it*. Therefore, Job longs to find God, state his case to Him, and find relief from his suffering.

### Monday April 19 Job 23 – Job speaks

- Though Job was greatly suffering, *did he believe that God was fair and would ultimately deliver him?* Y N
- Though Job could not seem to find God, *rejoice in these blessed promises:* Psalm 145:18; Jer. 29:13; Hebrews 13:5
- Does God do whatever he pleases? Y N (Lam. 3:37-38)

### Tuesday April 20 Job 24 – Job speaks

- In this chapter Job describes the great human suffering of our sinful world. Though we are all tempted to blame God, *we brought sin into His perfect creation!*
- For some unbelievers life seems so wonderful, while the opposite can seem true for some who trust in Jesus! But remember ✓ the shortness of this life in comparison to eternity, ✓ God's help in every NEED, and ✓ our glorious eternity *through Jesus' finished work!*

### Wednesday April 21 Job 25 – Bildad replies

- *God is almighty and holy*, but we are weak and sinful.
- Carefully consider this *awesome* verse: Isaiah 66:2

### Thursday April 22 Job 26 – Job speaks

- Then Job responds by speaking of the greatness of God as displayed in His creation (*sadly, today, many reject the clear, awesome, Biblical creation account*):
- V. 7 “...he suspends the earth over \_\_\_\_\_.”
- V. 8 “He wraps up the waters in his clouds, yet the clouds do not \_\_\_\_\_ under their weight.”

### Friday April 23 Job 27 – Job speaks

- Job's wife said to him: “Curse God and die!” (2:9) But Job is determined to not speak \_\_\_\_\_.
- Notice the fate of the wicked – *those without Christ* (13-23), pleasure for a time, *then all is taken away!*

## KNOW and GROW → Week 17 Schedule and Questions:

**Summary:** In our readings this week Job contrasts *worldly wealth* with *Godly wisdom*; then he reflects on his life before his suffering in comparison to his present deplorable state. Our lives in this sinful world will certainly have ups and downs – sometimes to the extreme – but may we always maintain this attitude expressed by St. Paul: “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (Phil. 4:11-13 NIV)

### Monday April 26 Job 28 – Job speaks

- Where does *worldly wealth* come from? Above Below
- Where does *true wisdom* come from? Above Below
- Is anything hidden from God (24)? Y N
- Define wisdom: \_\_\_\_\_
- Define understanding: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday April 27 Job 29 – Job speaks

- Job remembers how blessed his earthly life used to be:  
<sup>4</sup> “God's intimate \_\_\_\_\_ blessed my house,  
<sup>5</sup> ...my \_\_\_\_\_ were around me, <sup>11</sup> Whoever heard me spoke \_\_\_\_\_ of me, and those who saw me commended me, <sup>12</sup> because I \_\_\_\_\_ the poor who cried for help, and the \_\_\_\_\_ who had none to assist him. <sup>13</sup> The man who was dying \_\_\_\_\_ me...”

### Wednesday April 28 Job 30 – Job speaks

- This chapter is *very much the opposite* of 29: <sup>1</sup> “But now they \_\_\_\_\_ me... <sup>10</sup> “They \_\_\_\_\_ me and keep their distance; they do not hesitate to \_\_\_\_\_ in my face.”
- V. 20 begins a prayer of hopelessness.

### Thursday April 29 Job 31 – Job speaks

- V. 1 – Is Job's covenant *ridiculous*? Y N Does God call His children to *avoid lustful looks*? Y N (Mt. 5:27-29)

### Friday April 30 Job 32 – Elihu replies

- Why did the others finally stop questioning Job? They thought *he saw himself* as \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Begin in 33 on Monday to for Elihu's thoughts!* Jn. 9:1-3

## Answers:

### Job 23:

- Yes, see vv. 6-7.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Psalm 145:18** The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Jeremiah 29:13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Hebrews 13:5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
- Yes! <sup>NIV</sup> **Lamentations 3:37** Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? <sup>38</sup> Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

### Job 25:

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 66:2** Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

### Job 26:

- V. 7 "nothing," v. 8 "burst"

### Job 27:

- See vv. 2-4, "wickedness"

## Answers:

### Job 28:

- Worldly wealth comes from below – in the ground as it is mined; but true wisdom comes from above, *from God!*
- God "views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens." (24)
- V. 28: Wisdom: *The fear of the Lord.*
- V. 28: Understanding: *To shun evil.*

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### Job 30:

- This chapter is *shockingly the opposite* of 29: <sup>1</sup> "But now they mock me..." <sup>10</sup> "They detest me and keep their distance; they do not hesitate to spit in my face."

### Job 31:

- No, *not ridiculous*; Yes, *lustful and apparent secret sin is a very serious matter!*
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Matthew 5:27** "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell."

### Job 32:

- Job's friends thought he saw himself as "righteous," but based on his condition they assumed he must have sinned in some great manner.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **John 9:1** As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."