

Women's Bible Study

Follows

Lesson 37 and 38

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF JOB

AND THE LORD
Blessed
JOB

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LOW LIKE JOB

- These tragedies brought Job low - **to his knees in worship.**
- **Job 1:20-22** Job ... tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

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- He was brought low and mourned, not because of **sin**, but because of **grief**.

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- In His grace and mercy and love, God spoke to Job with the intent of **reconciling** Job to a right relationship with Him.

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- Job was brought low with **grief** over his **sin of pride.**

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- This is the character of the man who fears God and it shows up in Job's actions of **Confession. Repentance. Sorrow.**
- **Job 42:1-6** ^{NKJ} Then Job answered the LORD and said: ² "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. ³ You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' ⁵ "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. ⁶ Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

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- Job's **confession** is his agreement with the Lord

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- Job's confession is an acknowledgement of **his finite knowledge**.

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- **Bear**
- **Bare**
- Sound the same
- Spelled differently
- Different meanings

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- In Leviticus:
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- ^{ESV} **Psalm 32:5** I acknowledged (יָדַעַ) my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess (יָדַהּ) my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
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- By **acknowledging** and praising God's greatness... he is also **confessing** that he himself is not great.

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- **Job 42:6:** I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.
- **Abhor:** *ma'as*: reject, despise. / to feel loathing, contempt and revulsion
- **Repent:** *nakham*: be sorry, repent, regret. To have a change of heart, turn from a former attitude

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- Job's speech represents a complete surrender of his will to the will of God. Yahweh's revelation of Himself and His ways moves Job to repent of his previous arrogant attitude and abase himself as a humiliated mortal.

Kuyper "The Repentance of Job"

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Job's confession and repentance took place finally. He still did not know why he suffered so profoundly, but he was done complaining, questioning, and challenging God's wisdom and justice.

He was reduced to such utter humility, crushed beneath the weight of God's greatness, that all he could do was repent for his insolence.

Without answers to all of his questions, Job quietly bowed in humble submission before his Creator and admitted that God was sovereign. *John Macarthur*

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Job had exercised presumption and allegations of unfairness against his Lord and hated himself for this in a way that called for **brokenness** and contrition.”

Job was completely wrong in the charges he had raised against God. He expressed his own sorrowful regret that he had not just accepted God's will without such ignorant complaints and questions. *John Macarthur*

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- In summary, the Scriptures teach that repentance begins with the sinner's humble **acknowledgement** of his sin and need for forgiveness. Understanding the offensiveness of his sin before God produces great **mourning, sorrow**, and even shame and humiliation. His disgust with himself and his unrighteousness leads him to repudiate his wickedness and to decisively **turn away** from a life of sin. As he turns from his former way of life, he turns **to trust and serve** the God who is worthy of all worship. In Christ he finds forgiveness and is **restored to fellowship** with his Creator.

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