

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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So Blessed!

A little review...

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Job

Satan

God

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A little review...

Depression

Confusion

Why am I alive?

Retribution Principle

God is Limitless

So Blessed!

A little review...

Impossibilities?

- How can a man be declared innocent by God?
- Can the dead live again?

So Blessed!

A little review...

What did Job need?

Job 16:20-21 My eyes pour out tears to God.

²¹ Oh, that one might plead for a man with God, As a man pleads for his neighbor!

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Job's Hope:

^{NAS} **Job 19:25** And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

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Walking in the Dark

- trust God

Reject self-righteousness

- replace with humility

He did not curse God

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The LORD answered Job!

- the LORD is omniscient!
- the LORD cares for all His wise and wonderful animals
- the LORD controls the Behemoth and the mean and mysterious Leviathan

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Job's response

- let's be low like Job

So Blessed!

A Celebration!

Potluck party at Job's house!!

Job 23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Qesitah – a piece of silver or gold; 100 qesitahs bought large piece of real estate; 1 qesitah was a generous gift

Ring of gold – nose ring or earring



So Blessed!

Job 42:9-12 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and **the LORD accepted Job.** ¹⁰ And the **LORD restored the fortunes** of Job when he prayed for his friends, and **the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.** ¹¹ Then all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one qesitah and each a ring of gold. ¹² And the **LORD blessed the latter days of Job** more than his beginning

So Blessed!

What did the Lord do for Job?

The LORD:

- accepted Job
- restored his fortunes
- increased everything
- blessed the last days MORE than the first

So Blessed!

What is the book of Job about?

The LORD!

God is God and can do anything He wants.

He is worthy of worship because of
Who He is.

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Ezekiel 14:13-14 “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, ¹⁴ even *though* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, by their *own* righteousness they could *only* deliver themselves,” declares the Lord God.

So Blessed!

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No!

Job 2:10 Shall we indeed accept good from God,
and shall we not accept adversity?

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James 5:10-11 ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord -- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

- James' emphasis is on what the Lord did for Job.

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Did God owe Job?

“God in His wisdom chooses to restore Job to his previous good life and even more. Such a restoration is a way of showing that Job has done the right thing. It would be wrong however, to suggest that this is the way God will act with everyone. If we were to take this as a pattern by which God behaves, we would be as guilty of putting God in a box as the human characters of the book were throughout.” Tremper Longman

So Blessed!

How did Job receive God's blessings?

So Blessed!

- gave grace, mercy, and blessing to those around him
- prayed for his friends who had condemned him
- welcomed his family and friends who had abandoned him
- had an intimate relationship with his wife, raising 10 more children together
- so generous that he gave his daughters an inheritance
- humble toward others
- so blessed by God that he became a blessing to others

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