

Book of Job – Part 1

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – In the early planning of this study, I expect to cover the material in 5 parts
- Title – “Book of Job – Part 1”

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- There is much written about the Book of Job.
 - Like many of you, I have read a variety of information about the Book of Job.
 - One source – “Set in the period of the patriarchs, the book of Job tells the story of a man who loses everything – his wealth, his family and his health – and wrestles with the question, Why?”
 - Here are the anticipated parts of this study
 1. God Started the Trial – (chapters 1-3)
 2. Job Responded to His 3 Friends – (chapters 4-31)
 3. Elihu Confronted Job – (chapters 32-37)
 4. God Confronted Job Twice – (chapters 38-41)
 5. Comparison between – Job 40:2 and Job 42:1-6
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· Part 1 – “God Started the Trial”

Job 1:1	there was a man in the land of Uz – whose name was Job
Ezek. 14:12-14	the word of the Lord – “Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it. I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it and cut off man and beast from it. Even if these three men (Noah, Daniel and Job) were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness” – says the Lord God
16	“even though these three men were in it [the land], as I live they would deliver neither sons nor daughters – only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate”
18	“even though these three men were in it [the land], as I live they would deliver neither sons nor daughters – but only they themselves would be delivered”
20	“even though Noah, Daniel and Job were in it [the land], as I live they would deliver neither son nor daughter – they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness”
James 5:11	“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”

Job 1:1 there was a man in the land of Uz – whose name was Job

· blameless · feared God

· upright · shunned evil

5 Job would sanctify his children – offering burnt offerings – saying – “it may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts” – Job did this regularly

8 the Lord said – “have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth – a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

9-11 Satan said –

“does Job fear God for nothing?”

“haven’t You put a hedge around him?”

“haven’t You blessed him”

“touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face”

12 God approved Satan’s plan

13-19 disaster struck the family

20-22 Job’s initial response = wonderful

Job 2:3 the Lord said – “have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth – a blameless and upright men, one who fears God and shuns evil? And he still holds fast to his integrity, even though you incited Me against him to destroy him without cause.”

4-5 Satan said –

“skin for skin – yes, all that a man has, he will give for his life”

“touch his bone and his flesh – and he will surely curse You to Your face”

6 God approved Satan’s plan

7-8 painful boils

9 his wife – felt badly for him

10 Job’s response = wonderful

11-13 3 friends arrived – they sat with him for 7 days & 7 nights – said nothing

Job 3:1-26 after this – Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth – these negative words came before the 3 friends are even quoted

· Interesting words later

Notice – Job’s reaction turned negative – (understandably negative)

Job 33:8 Elihu said – I have heard you say –

9-11 “I am pure, without transgression – I am innocent and there is no iniquity in me – yet, He finds occasions against me – He counts me as His enemy – He puts my feet in the stocks – He watches all my paths”

· Remember – It is true – that God started Job’s trial

Remember – It is true – that Job’s initial reaction was wonderful

Remember – Job’s reaction turned sour – (extremely sour)

Remember – Even there was none like Job (2:3) – God helped Job to be closer to Him