

# Job

## Suffering - Guidance From Sin?

Job 32-37

Gathering: How do you respond when someone says they have a message from God for you?

Today's Focus: After Job's three friends have given up, young Elihu is compelled to share his "God-given" wisdom that Job's experiences are intended to turn him from sin and pride.

Key Verses: *Yet if there is an angel on his side as a mediator .. to be gracious to him and say, "Spare him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom for him..." Job 33:23-24*

*Stop and consider God's wonders. Job 37:14*

Opening Prayer

### Lesson

Review of Studies 1 - 3

Job - A Righteous Man Suffers (*Chapters 1 & 2*)

First OT book of poetry - Hebrew poetry is based on parallelism  
What happened to Job?  
What had Job done to deserve his suffering?  
Did Job realize the reasons behind his suffering?  
How did Job respond to his losses?

Suffering - Persuasion to Repent? (*Chapters 3 - 14*)

How did Job's friends explain the cause & solution to Job's troubles?  
Were Job's friends correct?  
Did Job agree with his friends' analysis?  
What did Job ask of God?

Suffering - Punishment for the Wicked? (*Chapters 15 - 21*)

Per Job's friends, who receives the kind of suffering Job has seen?  
Did Job agree?  
What reward can the faithful expect?

Review of Last Week (*Chapters 22 - 31*)

The Friends' Last Gasp - *Chapters 22, 25, 26 & 27*

How did Eliphaz conclude?  
Were the friends effective in showing Job his sin?

Job Looks to God - *Chapter 23*

Where does Job turn after giving up on his friends?  
If Job can't find God, why does he call to Him?  
How does Job feel standing before God?  
What does Job want to be able to face God?  
Who is Job's arbitrator?  
Do we have an intercessor?  
How does the Spirit intercede for us?

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Review of Last Week - continued (*Chapters 22 - 31*)

Beyond Man's Understanding - *Chapter 28*

What hidden things are man skilled at finding?  
What is man unable to find?  
How valuable is wisdom?  
Who knows where to find wisdom?  
How can man find wisdom?

From Awed to Mocked - *Chapters 29 & 30*

For when did Job long?  
How was Job treated in his earlier days?  
How was Job now being treated?  
Did Job feel protected and supported by God?

Sins I Could Have Committed - *Chapter 31*

Why did Job give a list of sins?

It's My Turn To Speak - *Chapter 32*

Why did Job's friends give up after 3 rounds?

Job 32:1

Why hadn't Elihu spoken before? Why did he speak up now?

Job 32:2-5

Although he was young, why did Elihu believe he had wisdom to share?

Job 32:8-9 (6-9)

Why does Elihu say he will not give the same futile arguments?

Job 32:14 (10-14)

How anxious or hesitant was Elihu to speak?

Job 32:18-19 (15-22)

Listen To God Speak To You - *Chapter 33*

Did Elihu speak from his head, from his heart or as God?

Job 33:3, 6 (1-7)

Did Elihu correctly restate Job's position?

Job 33:8-9, 12 (8-11)

Job 7:21

Job 13:26

Did Elihu agree with Job's complaint that God never answers man?

Job 33:13-14

What are ways Elihu says that God speaks to man?

Job 33:15-16, 19 (12-22)

Per Elihu, what is God's purpose in speaking to man?

Job 33:17-18

How can man be saved from hell?

Job 33:23-25 (23-30)

What insights into God's wisdom does Elihu display?

What ignorance of God's wisdom does Elihu display?

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### The Trial - Chapter 34

Who does Elihu call upon to judge Job?

Job 34:1-4

Why doesn't Elihu call upon God to judge Job?

Job 34:21-24 (21-30)

How just is God as a judge?

Job 34:11-12 (10-15)

Job 34:18-19 (16-20)

What are the charges against Job?

Job 34:5, 7-9 (5-9)

Where does Job fall short in returning to God?

Job 34:33 (31-33)

What is the verdict of this trial?

Job 34:34-37

### Man's Relationship With God - Chapter 35

How does Elihu respond to Job's claim that God will vindicate him (Job 13:18)?

Job 35:1-3

How does man's sin or righteousness affect God?

Job 35:6-7 (4-8)

How does man's sin or righteousness affect man?

Job 35:8

Why does God not answer when men cry out?

Job 35:9-10,12 (9-13)

Why should Job not expect God to answer him?

Job 35:14 (14-16)

Is Elihu's God one who stays with his creation or one who ignores it?

### God's Purpose for Suffering - Chapter 36

Where does Elihu claim to get his great knowledge?

Job 36:3-4 (1-4)

Why do men suffer, according to Elihu?

Job 36:8-10 (5-12)

How do the wicked respond to God's guidance through suffering?

Job 36:13 (13-15)

Based on man's response to suffering, how does God respond?

Job 36:6

What is God trying to do through Job's suffering?

Job 36:16 (16-21)

Is Elihu correct in his understanding of suffering?

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Our God Is An Awesome God - *Chapters 36 & 37*

Can Job be expected to understand God and His ways?

Job 36:26 (22-26)

Job 37:14, 18 (14-18)

How does God take care of his people?

Job 36:27, 31 (27-33)

How does Elihu describe God's voice?

Job 37:2-4 (1-5)

How does God use storms to both punish the wicked and bless the godly?

Job 37:11-13 (6-13)

Is God rightly punishing Job or unfairly oppressing him?

Job 37:23 (19-24)

In what ways are Elihu right about God?

In what ways are Elihu wrong about God?

Does Job agree or disagree with Elihu's view of God?

Job 9:1-13

Job 10:8-12

Job 12:13-25

Job 26:5-14

Closing Prayer

Next Week - *God is in Control* (Job 38-42)

### Course Summary

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