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JOB 1

SUMMARY

Job Chapter 1 introduces Job, a man described as blameless, upright, and God-fearing. Despite his wealth and faithfulness, God permits Satan to test Job's devotion. Within a single day, Job loses his children, servants, and much of his possessions. Instead of cursing God, Job worships Him, saying, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away." This chapter highlights themes of faith under trial, trust in God, and the unseen spiritual battle between good and evil.

QUESTIONS

Where did Job live, and what kind of person was he?

What did Satan believe was the only reason Job loved God?

What tests did Job face in this chapter?

How did Job respond to his losses?

What lesson can we learn about trusting God during hard times?

Why is Job considered an example of faith?

REFLECTION

When life becomes hard, how can we trust God like Job did?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Think about something difficult you've faced. How can you remind yourself, like Job, that God is in control even when life doesn't make sense?

JOB 2

SUMMARY

Job's suffering intensifies as Satan is permitted to strike his body with painful sores. Job remains faithful, but his wife and friends fail to offer meaningful support. His wife urges him to curse God, but Job refuses, holding firm to his belief in God's sovereignty. The theme explores "faith under fire" and the challenges of standing firm when loved people falter. Job's story reminds us that perseverance in trials honours God, even amid unanswered questions.

QUESTIONS

What does Satan do to test Job's faith further?

What is Job's reaction to his suffering?

How does Job's wife respond to his faith?

Why do Job's friends remain silent for seven days?

Why does God allow Satan to test Job in this way?

What key lesson do we learn about enduring hardships?

REFLECTION

How does Job's faith inspire or challenge the way you respond to hard times?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Think about a time you faced a tough situation. What steps can you take to respond with steady faith like Job?

JOB 3-7

SUMMARY

Job's grief leads him to curse the day of his birth as he wrestles with the purpose of his suffering. His friends break their silence, but Eliphaz wrongly blames Job's hardships on hidden sin. The key themes include processing grief, the danger of false accusations, and trusting God when answers remain unclear. Job honestly expresses his pain, showing it's OK to bring raw emotions to God.

QUESTIONS

Why does Job curse the day of his birth?

What does Eliphaz believe about Job's suffering?

How does Job describe his emotions to God?

Does Job sin in the way he talks about his pain?

What does Job desire most in his suffering?

What is the difference between Eliphaz's advice and Job's feelings?

REFLECTION

How do you respond when someone close to you blames you unfairly?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

The next time you or someone else suffers, take time to encourage instead of criticizing, remembering Job's friends' mistakes.

JOB 8-10

SUMMARY

Job's second friend, Bildad, continues to accuse Job of hidden sin, insisting that Job's suffering must have a cause. Job questions why God allows the innocent to suffer and longs for someone to mediate between himself and God. A central theme is humanity's need for a mediator -- later revealed in Jesus Christ -- and the complexities of understanding God's justice.

QUESTIONS

What does Bildad accuse Job of?

How does Job respond to Bildad's lack of compassion?

Why does Job think he can't argue with God directly?

What kind of mediator does Job wish for?

What lesson does Job's desire for a mediator reveal about Jesus?

What does Job say about the power of God?

REFLECTION

In what ways do you see Jesus as a bridge between you and God?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Reflect on how Jesus acts as a mediator in your prayers and daily life, thanking Him for His intercession.

JOB 11-14

SUMMARY

Job's third friend, Zophar, accuses Job of speaking arrogantly and suggests that Job deserves even greater punishment. Job sarcastically defends himself, reaffirming his innocence and longing for communication with God. Despite his anguish, Job expresses hope, declaring that even if God slays him, he will trust Him. Themes include enduring unjust criticism, holding onto faith, and the hope of resurrection.

QUESTIONS

What does Zophar wrongly accuse Job of?

How does Job respond sarcastically to his friends?

What question does Job ask about life after death?

Why does Job say he will trust God even in death?

What does Job mean by calling out to God for understanding?

What does Job believe about resurrection?

REFLECTION

How can we show hope and faith like Job when dealing with unfair criticism?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Stay hopeful during trials by clinging to promises of God's justice and eternal life.

JOB 15-21

SUMMARY

Job's friends escalate their accusations, insisting Job is being punished for sin. Job rebuts their claims, calling them "miserable comforters." While his grief deepens, Job also boldly declares hope: "I know that my Redeemer lives." Themes include the persistence of faith amid accusations, the reality of injustice, and hope in God's ultimate justice.

QUESTIONS

What claims does Eliphaz make about Job's behaviour?

Why does Job call his friends "miserable comforters"?

How does Bildad respond to Job's complaints?

What powerful statement of faith does Job make in Chapter 19?

What does Job say about the prosperity of the wicked?

How does Job maintain hope despite his suffering?

REFLECTION

Why is believing that "my Redeemer lives" important when life feels unfair?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

When you feel despair, remind yourself of God's promises and proclaim them boldly, as Job did.

JOB 22-26

SUMMARY

In Job 22-26, the theme explores the question, “What profit is there?” Job’s friends accuse him of wrongdoing to explain his suffering. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar harshly criticize Job, assuming his pain results from sin. However, Job maintains his innocence and challenges their viewpoint. Job begins reflecting on the mysterious ways of God, realizing that the righteous may suffer while the wicked prosper. The chapters emphasize trusting God’s wisdom, even when life seems unfair or unclear, and acknowledge His sovereign control over creation. Job’s statements display both confusion about his trials and growing humility as he faces his suffering, showing that humans can’t always comprehend God’s purposes.

QUESTIONS

What is the accusation Eliphaz made about Job?

How does Job respond to his friends about his innocence?

What does Job ask about God’s silence in Chapter 24?

What lesson does Job learn about humility in these chapters?

How does creation reveal God’s majesty?

Why is Eliphaz’s argument flawed when addressing Job?

REFLECTION

How do you respond when you face difficulties and don’t understand why they are happening?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

When life feels confusing, I will trust God’s wisdom and seek humility, knowing that His purposes are beyond my understanding.

JOB 27-31

SUMMARY

In Job 27-31, the theme focuses on holding fast to integrity despite pain and confusion. Job wrestles with the belief that God's justice may not always seem obvious and reflects on wisdom's true source, highlighting that God alone owns it. Job outlines his innocence, recalling his days of prosperity, and laments how people now mock him during his suffering. These chapters explore the meaning of life, humility, and man's limited understanding of God's plans. Through Job's internal struggle, readers see the importance of remaining faithful even when life is unfair. He realizes wisdom is found in fearing the Lord and choosing righteousness over evil. These chapters connect suffering, searching for God's wisdom, and holding onto integrity.

QUESTIONS

What does Job affirm about his integrity in Chapter 27?

Where does Job say wisdom comes from?

What does Job miss about his past prosperity?

How does Job describe how people treat him now?

Why does Job long to understand God's justice?

What does fearing God mean, according to Job?

REFLECTION

What does holding onto integrity mean when life feels unfair?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

During difficulties, I will cling to righteousness, knowing that true wisdom comes from trusting God and honouring Him.

JOB 32-37

SUMMARY

In Job 32-37, the theme centres on youthful zeal and the mystery behind suffering. Elihu, the youngest among Job's friends, enters the discussion, frustrated that the older men failed to provide a satisfactory answer to Job's suffering. While his speech shows passion and some theological insight, Elihu also lacks compassion, focusing more on lecturing about God's greatness. Elihu reminds Job that God's ways are beyond understanding and that God sometimes uses trials to refine people. He also emphasizes how creation, such as thunder and rain, proves God's power. Though Elihu speaks wisdom in parts, his lengthy discourse doesn't comfort Job and misses the point of Job's pain. The chapters explore youth's boldness and the need for humility when approaching life's mysteries and the nature of God.

QUESTIONS

Why does Elihu decide to speak?

What does Elihu say about God's greatness?

What does Elihu believe is the role of suffering?

How does Elihu look at creation as an example of God's power?

Did Elihu help Job understand his suffering?

What mistake does Elihu share with Job's other friends?

REFLECTION

How can we show compassion when helping someone who is suffering?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

I will remember that God's greatness is beyond my understanding and choose to be sensitive to others' pain, offering comfort instead of criticism.

JOB 38-41

SUMMARY

In Job 38-41, the theme highlights sanctified ignorance and God's unmatched power. God finally speaks to Job out of a storm, questioning Job's understanding of creation and His sovereignty. Through sarcastic questions, God demonstrates the limits of human knowledge compared to His infinite wisdom. From the seas to stars, snow to animals, God explains His intricate care for the universe. He challenges Job to acknowledge His greatness and trust Him, even when the reasons for suffering aren't clear. Chapters 38-41 explore the humility needed to trust God fully and understand that His justice may not follow human reasoning. Animals like Behemoth and Leviathan are described, showcasing awe-inspiring creatures as demonstrations of God's creative power. These chapters help us reflect on the wisdom of trusting God, even when life remains mysterious.

QUESTIONS

What does God ask Job about creation?

What point does God make about Job's understanding of His plans?

How does God use sarcasm to help Job see his ignorance?

What role does Behemoth have in this discussion?

What truths does Leviathan's description reveal about God?

Why does God silence Job with these questions?

REFLECTION

Do you trust God even when you don't know the reasons behind your trials?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

I will recognize my limited understanding and lean into trusting God's infinite wisdom when life feels unclear or overwhelming.

JOB 42

SUMMARY

In Job 42, the theme is “Refined to shine.” The aftermath of Job’s trials reveals God’s purpose in refining Job through suffering. Job repents for questioning God and acknowledges His greatness and sovereignty. God restores Job’s health and fortunes, giving him blessings far greater than before. God rebukes Job’s friends for misrepresenting His character but forgives them after Job prays on their behalf. This chapter shows how trials can refine us, helping us grow closer to God. Job also highlights the importance of forgiveness and compassion, as Job chooses to pray for those who hurt him. Though Job never learns the reason for his trials, he finds peace in trusting God’s wisdom. Job’s story ends with restored blessings, a legacy, and a fulfillment of God’s plan for his life.

QUESTIONS

What does Job repent for in verse 6?

How does God rebuke Job’s friends?

What does God restore to Job’s life?

How does Job show forgiveness toward his friends?

What does the story teach about trusting God through trials?

Did Job ever find out why he suffered?

REFLECTION

How do trials in your life refine your faith?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

When I face challenges, I will trust that God may refine me through them and choose forgiveness and faithfulness.



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ANSWERS | JOB 1

Job lived in the land of Uz and was blameless and God-fearing.

Satan believed Job loved God only because he was blessed.

Job lost his children, servants, and possessions in one day.

Job worshipped God instead of cursing Him.

We can trust God because He sees the bigger picture and has a purpose.

Job showed faith by trusting God despite immense suffering.

ANSWERS | JOB 2

Satan strikes Job with painful sores over his entire body.

Job praises God and refuses to curse Him.

She tells Job to “curse God and die,” showing her lack of understanding.

They are overwhelmed by his suffering and don't know what to say.

God permits Satan to test Job to demonstrate that Job's faith is sincere.

Faith is tested through trials, but trusting God pleases Him even when we don't understand.

ANSWERS | JOB 3-7

He feels life is unbearable and wishes he had never been born.

Eliphaz believes Job must have sinned to deserve his suffering.

He shares his grief openly, wishing he could die to escape his pain.

No, Job expresses his honest feelings without turning against God.

Job wants an explanation from God and longs for relief.

Eliphaz judges Job harshly, while Job seeks understanding and comfort.

ANSWERS | JOB 8-10

Bildad accuses Job of sin and tells him to repent for restoration.

Job rebukes Bildad and expresses frustration over his suffering.

He sees God as unapproachable and too powerful to contest.

Job wants someone to represent him before God -- a mediator.

It reveals that Jesus fulfills the role Job longed for, bridging the gap.

Job acknowledges God as all-powerful, ruling over creation.

ANSWERS | JOB 11-14

Zophar accuses Job of arrogance and deserving worse punishment.

He sarcastically mocks their "wisdom" and defends his innocence.

Job asks, "If a man dies, shall he live again?"

He believes in God's goodness and will trust Him, even in death.

Job wants God to explain why he is suffering.

Job believes in life after death and looks forward to seeing God.

ANSWERS | JOB 15-21

He accuses Job of arrogance and blames him for his suffering.

They offer no real comfort and only add to his misery.

He responds with more accusations, showing no empathy.

Job says, “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”

Job argues that the wicked often prosper, despite their evil actions.

He trusts in his Redeemer and believes in God’s justice.

ANSWERS | JOB 22-26

Eliphaz accuses Job of sins such as withholding help from the needy.

Job responds by firmly declaring his innocence and questioning his friends’ harshness.

Job asks why God seems silent while evil occurs and points out the suffering of the righteous.

Job learns that some mysteries about God’s plans cannot be fully understood and require trust.

Creation, like the stars and rain, reveals God’s power and control over the earth.

Eliphaz assumes Job’s suffering must mean he is sinful, even though he has no evidence to prove it.

ANSWERS | JOB 27-31

Job affirms that he will not abandon his integrity or speak falsely.

Job says wisdom comes from God and is found in fearing Him and avoiding evil.

Job misses how respected and blessed he felt before his suffering.

Job describes being mocked and ridiculed by people who had once

respected him.

Job longs to understand why God allows suffering while injustice seems unchecked.

Fearing God means showing Him reverence through obedience and trust.

ANSWERS | JOB 32-37

Elihu speaks because he feels the older men have failed to answer Job's questions.

Elihu says God's greatness cannot be fully understood by humans.

Elihu believes suffering refines people and reminds them of their dependence on God.

Elihu points to thunder, rain, and creation as evidence of God's power.

Elihu didn't help Job understand his suffering but added lengthy arguments instead.

Like the other friends, Elihu assumes Job's suffering must mean he has sinned.

ANSWERS | JOB 38-41

God asks Job if he was present at the Earth's creation and challenges his knowledge.

God emphasizes that humanity cannot understand His vast plans or purposes.

God uses sarcasm to show Job how little humans know compared to God's wisdom.

Behemoth shows God's creativity and power in forming great creatures.

Leviathan reflects God's unmatched power and control over creation.

God silences Job to humble him and demonstrate that only He knows the reasons for suffering.

ANSWERS | JOB 42

Job repents for questioning God and being presumptuous.

God rebukes Job's friends for speaking wrongly about Him.

God restores Job's health, fortune, and family and blesses him greatly.

Job forgives his friends by praying for their forgiveness.

The story teaches that trials can refine us and draw us toward God's wisdom.

Job never finds out why he suffered but learns to trust God anyway.

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