

JOB—Part 1

Overview of Job
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1. We, as readers, are informed of something Job never knew...that he was a test case. The scenes within the story shift back and forth from Heaven to earth, revealing the hidden purpose for it all, which was completely unknown to Job at the time.
2. 1:1 Job was not sinless (Romans 3:23), but he was spiritually mature; his behavior was in line with God's ways.
3. The total picture is of a godly, wealthy, fulfilled man, whose life was crowned with prosperity both personally and professionally.
4. In a world where evil is real, even good people suffer. And where suffering is present, you can be sure it is precipitated by activities of Satan, though permitted by God for His purposes.
5. 1:22 You can live a complete life even if you do not have complete health.
6. Healing on this planet is not always God's present will and purpose (James 1:2-3).
7. 2:10 Job believed that the events were sourced in God's activity and that God is sovereign.
8. 2:11 Job's friends struggled to explain his suffering from the position of ignorance. They understood nothing of God's permissive will.
9. Chapter 3 is a genuine, legitimate description of what it is like to be in the position of excessive suffering.
10. God the Son became Jesus the man; Jesus the man has known what it is to be forsaken by God and to be in the darkest place possible (Hebrews 4:15).
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14. Suffering can occur for one of the following primary reasons:
 - Sometimes suffering is because of sin (Numbers 12:10-12)
 - Sometimes suffering if for chastening (Hebrews 12:5-12)
 - Sometimes suffering is for strengthening (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 Peter 5:10)
 - Sometimes suffering is an opportunity to reveal God's comfort and grace (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)In every case (for the believer), it is to put God on display.
15. There are times when the compelling issue in the suffering is unknowable because it is for a heavenly purpose that has not been revealed, and those on earth cannot discern it until eternity (Exodus 4:11; John 9:1-3).
 - There are matters going on in Heaven that believers know nothing about; yet, they affect our daily lives.
 - Even the best effort at explaining the issues of life can be useless.
 - God's people do suffer. Bad things happen all the time to good people, so one cannot judge a person's spirituality by his or her circumstances, good or bad.
 - Even though God seems far away, perseverance is necessary because God is good. You can safely leave your life in His hands.
 - Draw near to God, so that out of the fellowship can come the comfort - without the explanation
 - Suffering will ultimately end for the righteous, either here or in eternity.

The all-powerful Creator will do as He pleases, but always with purpose.

HEBREW WORDS

Chinnam (khin-nawm')—devoid of cost, reason: -without a cause

QUOTES

"It is doubtful whether God can use anyone greatly until He has hurt them deeply." ~A.W. Tozer

