

The book of Job opens in heaven with a conversation, a debate between God and Satan. The account shifts to earth for a detailed look at the life of a very blessed man from the land of Uz named Job. Overnight, Job's blessings sink into miseries. He loses his health, his wealth, his family and his status [Job 1-2]. On a heap of ash, scratching his boils with a potsherd, Job is left with a question: "Why?? *Why is all this happening to me?*" [Job 3] The bulk of Job consists of a series of debates between Job and his friends who typically offer oversimplified solutions and painfully inadequate answers [Job 3-37]. But then in God shows up! And this is exactly what Job had asked for [Job 38-42].

JOB ASKS TO ARGUE HIS CASE WITH GOD (JOB 13:3, 15, 23:3-5)

GOD ANSWERS JOB (JOB 38-41)

JOB RESPONDS TO GOD (JOB 42)

JOB RECOGNIZES GOD'S RULE (vv. 1-2)

JOB RECOGNIZES GOD'S WISDOM (v. 3)

JOB RECOGNIZES GOD'S GRACE (vv. 4-6)

JOB EXPERIENCES RESTORATION (JOB 42:7-17)

JOB'S SIMPLE YET PROFOUND TRUTHS FOR OUR SUFFERING SOJOURN

1. BELIEVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART IN THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD GIVE YOU THAT CONVICTION.
2. BELIEVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART THAT EVERYTHING HE DOES IS RIGHT AND GOOD. PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU ASSURANCE OF HIS WISDOM.
3. REPENT OF ALL THE TIMES YOU HAVE QUESTIONED GOD OR FOUND FAULT WITH HIM IN THE WAY HE HAS TREATED YOU. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HUMBLE YOU TO SEE HIS HOLINESS, YOUR SINFULNESS AND HIS GRACE.
4. LIVE WITH ANTICIPATION OF YOUR FUTURE RESTORATION. WE MUST REMEMBER AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THIS FALLEN WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME. PRAY FOR A FRESH AWARENESS OF OUR SHORT SOJOURN TILL HEAVEN.



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