

Some Lessons From Job

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. James 5:11

By Faith and Not by Sight

SUNDAY: December 25

Key Passage(s): 2Corinthians 5:7 and 2Corinthians 4:18

- 1. What does God call us to as He did all the patriarchs and the early church? 2Corinthians 5:7
- 2. What type of trust or faith did Job have?

"The patriarch Job in the night of his affliction exclaimed with unshaken trust: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: ... in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job19:25-27." The Great Controversy, p. 299.1

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3. If we are walking by faith what types of things should we be looking? 2 Corinthians 4:18
4. What gift does God gives us in abundance that we might have faith and endure all the hardships of this life? 2Corinthians 4:16,17
5. (Discussion) How can we have true faith?
The faith in Christ which saves the soul is not what it is represented to be by many. "Believe, believe," is their cry; "only believe in Christ, and you will be saved. It is all you have to do." While true faith trusts wholly in Christ for salvation, it will lead to perfect conformity to the law of God. Faith is manifested by works. And the apostle John declares, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar (The Review and Herald, October 5, 1886).
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Evil Being

MONDAY: December 26
Key Passage(s): Job 1:1-2:8
1. What do the following verses tell us about evil?
_Job 1:1 -
_Job 1:8-11; James 1:13
_Job 1:13-17
_Job 1:18, 19
_Job 2:7, 8
2. (Discussion) At whose feet should we place the blame for all unsolicited evil in this world?
"The history of Job had shown that suffering is inflicted by Satan, and is overruled by God for purposes of mercy. But Israel did not understand the lesson. The same error for which God had reproved the friends of Job was repeated by the Jews in their rejection of Christ." The Desire of Ages, p. 471.3
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With Friends Like These ...

TUESDAY: December 27
Key Passage(s): John 8:1-11
1. Why did Job's friend originally come to Him? Job 2:11
2. Jesus dealt with a similar situations in His ministry. Who are the miserable comforters in John 8:3
3. How did Jesus react to these miserable men? John 8:6-9
4. What attitude does Jesus show this woman? John 8:10, 11 (Please note if your Bible does not have verse 11 you should be using the KJV.)
5. (Discussion) Can we improve as a church and as individuals in working with those suffering from the weight of their own choices or those sufferings from the works of the devil? If so, how?
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More Than Thorns and Thistles

WEDNESDAY: December 28
Key Passage(s): Genesis 3:16-24
1. What happened as a result of Satan's beguiling Adam and Eve?
_Genesis 3:17
_Genesis 3:18
_Genesis 3:19
_Genesis 3:23
2. What condition does God want to restore the earth and man to? Revelation 21:1, 4
"Everyone who by faith obeys God's commandments, will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression." Maranatha, p. 224.5
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Jesus and Job

THURSDAY: December 29
Key Passage(s): Job
1. What is a type? 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11 (see margin)
2. How do Jesus' temptations parallel Job's? Matthew 4:1-11
3. How is Job a type of Christ in the following verses? _Matthew 26:62; Luke 11:15; John 18:30
4. (Discussion) Job and Jesus lost every. Job lost everything. Jesus lost His omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience while a man (See Luke 2:52). Did God restore Job and Jesus? Can He restore anything that we have lost in this world of sin?
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