

The Bible Challenge

Week 2

Please answer these questions as you read along the Daily Lesson Plan. Feel free to print this sheet out, and save it for study records.

Day 008 / Job 17-20

1. Describe Job's attitude toward his friends in chapter 17. Describe Zophar's attitude toward Job in chapter 18.
2. Find a verse in chapter 19 where Job might inadvertently prophesy about Jesus. How is this prophecy fulfilled?
3. In 20:3, Zophar claims a spirit guided his words to Job. If you were Job, how would Zophar's words land on you?
4. Does Zophar's accusations toward Job in 20:12-29 line up with what we know about Job from chapter 1? Why or why not?

Day 009 / Job 21-23

1. In chapter 21, Job not only wrestles with why bad things have happened to him, but he also wrestles with why good things happen to the wicked. Which idea troubles you more? Why?
2. Given that things seem "unfair" in life, how does that speak to the notion of karma? What truths from Scripture seem to correspond to and/or contradict the idea of karma?
3. In 22:13-14, Eliphaz falsely accuses Job of calling God ignorant and impotent. Look back to Job's words in chapter 19 and find at least one place where he said the opposite of what Eliphaz claimed.
4. Are Job's words in 23:14 more terrifying or more comforting to you? Why?

Day 010 / Job 24-28

1. In chapter 24, Job spends a lot of time addressing the concerns and struggles of the poor, even though he has been very rich. What does this reveal about his character? In what ways does this mirror Jesus?
2. In 25:4, Bildad claims that it's impossible for a man to be righteous. Is this true? Why or why not?
3. Find a verse in chapter 26 where Job inadvertently prophesies about Jesus. Where is this prophecy fulfilled?
4. Look up the word "Rahab" (26:12) in a Hebrew lexicon. What possible definitions are given? Which seems most likely?
5. Job's friends continue to implore him to repent, heightening their argument. According to what we know of the story and what he says in 27:3-6, why does he refuse?
6. In chapter 28, Job searches for wisdom. Where does he find it? How would you describe it?



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Day 011 / Job 29-31

1. Considering all Job has lost, how frequently does he refer to his former possessions or wealth? What are the things he seems to mourn losing the most?
2. In chapter 31, Job considers all his ways to see if there's any unknown sin in his heart or life. He offers just responses to any potential sin. Circle every "if" in your Bible, then read each "if" statement, taking time to consider if any resonate with you personally. If so, spend some time in repentance and ask for God's help to desire better things.
3. For each "if" statement, consider what it reveals about what God loves and hates. Write a list of each. (Hint: the things God hates oppose or violate what He loves. For instance, God hates pride because He loves humility, etc.)

Day 012 / Job 32-34

1. Describe Elihu based on what we see about him in 32:1-5. At this point in the reading, do you think you'll agree with what he says? Why or why not?
2. Do you see any verse(s) in this speech that point to Elihu's possible humility? What about possible arrogance?
3. In 33:19-30, Elihu claims that God uses trials as a means to produce repentance. How have you seen this in your own life? What aspects of God's character are revealed in this?
4. Is Elihu's opinion of Job's problem different from that of Job's other three friends? If so, how?

Day 013 / Job 35-37

1. Summarize the two complementary statements Elihu makes in 35:5-7.
2. In 36:1-4 Elihu claims to be speaking on God's behalf. Based on what we've read so far, does he seem to be right or wrong in this claim? Why or why not?
3. "The godless in heart cherish anger" (36:13). Think of a time when you cherished anger. What were you angry about? Was it something that angers God too? Did cherishing anger draw you closer to God?
4. In 36:21, Elihu seems to be saying that people use pain as an excuse to sin. Give some examples (personal or generalized) of how this might manifest.



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Day 014 / Job 38-39

1. Finally, God speaks! But He doesn't answer any of the questions Job has been asking. What does He do instead?
2. What can we learn about God and our circumstances based on the way He responds to Job?
3. Did you see a prophecy about Jesus in the LORD's words today? What does this statement reveal about the divinity of Jesus?



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