

JOB'S LATER LIFE

Job 38-42

In their speeches, Job's four friends presented every explanation for his suffering that human reasoning could think of. Now see what happened next:

A. God's Words to Job: Read Job 38:1, 42:6

1. Out of what did God speak to Job? Job 50:1

2. What did God tell Job to do? Job 38:5

3. Read again Job 36:4-11, 16-24, 35-41, 59:13, 26, 27. What do these verses teach you about God?

4. How do you feel after you have read all of God's great questions?

5. What did Job realize about him self as a result of God's words? Job 40:4a

6. What did he decide never to do after this? Job 40:4b-5

7. Notice that after this, God asked Job another set of questions.
 - a. Read again these found in Job 40:8-14.
 - b. What animal do you think God is describing in Job 40:15-24? See especially verse 23. _____
 - c. What kind of animal is described in chapter 41? Note especially verses 7, 10, 15-17, 31-35. _____
 - d. See Job 15:26. Do you think god had to write out His speeches? _____
8. What did Job know about God as a result of all that he had been through? Job 42:2

9. What relationship with God did Job have now, that he had not had before? Job 42:5

10. How did he feel as a result of this? Job 42:6

B. God's Words to Job's Friends: Read Job 42:7-9

1. How did God feel toward Job's friends? Why? Job 42:7

2. What did He tell them to do? Job 42:8a (Note how this indicates the age in which Job lived. Who would have made these sacrifices after the time of Moses? Exodus 21:8, Leviticus 1:5-8)

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3. What was Job to do for them? Job 42:8b
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C. God's Provision for Job: Read Job 42:10-17

1. What did the Lord do for Job when he prayed for his friends?
 - a. Job 42:10a _____
 - b. Job 42:10b _____
2. Who then came to visit Job and to comfort him? Job 42:11a

3. What did each one bring with him? Job 42:11b

4. What was the end result of all Job's sufferings? Job 42:12a

5. How did his possessions at this time compare with what he had had before? Job 1:3, 42:12 b

6. What other blessing did God give to Job? Job 42:16-17 (Note how Job's life span indicates the age in which he lived. Compare his age with that of Abraham's ancestors listed in Genesis 11:10-32; Abraham, Genesis 25:7; Jacob, Genesis 47:28; Joseph, Genesis 50:22; and Moses, Deuteronomy 34:7. About when would you say from this he lived?)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Job benefit in any way from the sufferings he experienced?

2. What should I remember in every suffering I experience? Romans 8:28
