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# **A Practical Study of JOB: Persevere and Press On**

## **“Understanding Sovereignty and Suffering”**

### **PART I - Job 1-14**

#### **STUDY NUMBER ONE – [JOB 1:1-2:10](#)**

#### **NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 1:1-2:10](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How is Job described for us in [chapter 1:1-3](#)?

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3. Describe what Satan says about the Lord's relationship to Job, according to [verse 10](#).

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4. What restraint does the Lord put upon Satan, according to [verse 12](#)?

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5. Outline the series of tragedies that hit Job in verses 13-19.

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6. How did Job respond to this series of tragedies, according to verses 20-22?

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7. What restraint did the Lord put on Satan, according to chapter 2:6?

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8. How does Job's wife respond to all the tragedies in Job's life, according to verse 9?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Job was a man who in character was blameless and upright. In commitment he feared God and in conduct he shunned evil.

LESSON #2: Job was a good parent in caring for the spiritual needs of his family.

LESSON #3: Satan is limited by God's sovereign restraint.

LESSON #4: When the Lord talks about you, what do you think He is saying?

LESSON #5: The Lord does put a hedge about His children and blesses the work of their hands.

LESSON #6: The loss of his possessions and progeny all took place in one day.

LESSON #7: When the storm had passed, Job tore his robe, shaved his head, and worshiped the Lord.

LESSON #8: Suffering reveals the motivation of our sacrifices and service.

LESSON #9: Maintaining our integrity in the midst of the suffering delights the heart of God.

LESSON #10: The hardest trial for Job was probably the response of his wife.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER TWO – [JOB 2:11-3:26](#)**

**NOTES**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 2:11-3:26](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why were Job's three friends going to see him, according to [chapter 2:11](#)?

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3. How did the three friends respond when they saw Job for the first time, according to [verses 12 & 13](#)?

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4. What was Job's initial response, according to [chapter 3:3, 4](#)?

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5. What is Job's question, according to verse 11?

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6. What happens at death for the wicked and the weary, according to verse 17?

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7. How does Job evaluate the situation, according to verse 25?

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8. What is Job's condition, according to verse 26?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When you really hurt, the focus turns to friends.

LESSON #2: How many friends do you have who would drop everything and come in a moment if you had a need?

LESSON #3: Suffering presence is the powerful ministry of silent compassion.

LESSON #4: Grief is sometimes verbalized in wishes, in whys, and in whats.

LESSON #5: "Mayday" is the call of distress for ships at sea, planes in the air, and Job on the land.

LESSON #6: Job does not curse God but the day of his birth.

LESSON #7: Job's depravation, disease, and despair lead to depression.

LESSON #8: Job feels his way is hidden because he sees no purpose, no plan, and experiences no presence in his suffering.

LESSON #9: He has hedged me around that I cannot get out and made my chain heavy.

LESSON #10: Job's groans pour out like water.

LESSON #11: What he feared has come, and what he dreaded has happened to him.

LESSON #12: He has no peace, no quietness, no rest; but only turmoil.

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**STUDY NUMBER THREE – [JOB 4:1-5:27](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 4:1-5:27](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What question does Eliphaz ask of Job in [chapter 4:2](#)?

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3. How has Job responded to his difficulties, according to Eliphaz in [verse 5](#)?

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4. What should be Job's confidence and hope, according to verse 6?

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5. What is the observation of Eliphaz, according to verse 8?

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6. What kills a fool and slays the simple, according to chapter 5:2?

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7. How does Eliphaz feel about man in general, according to verse 7?

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8. What does Eliphaz feel that Job should do, according to verses 8 & 9?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: One of the best things we can do for a person experiencing deep grief is to be silent.

LESSON #2: It certainly does not help someone who is suffering to tell them to practice what they preach.

LESSON #3: To be discouraged and dismayed in a time of trouble is not what the Lord would want from us.

LESSON #4: The two things you need the most in suffering is confidence and hope.

LESSON #5: Assumptions as to the cause of someone else’s suffering can be devastating.

LESSON #6: Be very careful how you respond to someone who says, “I have a word for you from the Lord.”

LESSON #7: It is really not very helpful to tell someone what you would do in their situation.

LESSON #8: God does discipline and deliver His children in adversity.

LESSON #9: If there is unjudged sin in our lives, the safest thing to do is to cooperate with God’s discipline.

LESSON #10: We must be very sensitive to satanic counterfeits when it comes to visions, dreams, and direct mandates.

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**STUDY NUMBER FOUR – [JOB 6:1-7:21](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 6:1-7:21](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Job wish for in [chapter 6:2](#)?

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3. How does Job describe his suffering, according to [verse 4](#)?

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4. What is Job's request, according to verses 8 & 9?

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5. What should a despairing man have, according to verse 14?

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6. How does Job feel about his three friends, according to verse 21?

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7. How does Job feel about life, according to chapter 7:6?

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8. How does he feel about his life, according to verse 16?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Job in this passage is distressed, disappointed, despairing, and despising.

LESSON #2: Job would very much like to die, to bring an end to his present misery.

LESSON #3: Strength for the day and prospects for tomorrow are the keys to longevity in life.

LESSON #4: Job's suffering is intensified by the lack of love and loyalty on the part of his friends.



LESSON #5: Job’s friends are like dried up streams instead of refreshing encouragement.

LESSON #6: How painful are honest words.

LESSON #7: God’s sovereignty is seen in the allotment of months and the assignment of misery.

LESSON #8: Job feels like his life is passing swiftly away.

LESSON #9: Job has anguish of spirit and bitterness of soul.

LESSON #10: Job is so depressed that he despises his life, and he would not live forever if he could.

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**STUDY NUMBER FIVE – [JOB 8:1-22](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 8:1-22](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What three questions does Bildad have for Job in [verses 2 & 3](#)?

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3. What advice does Bildad have for Job in [verses 5 & 6](#)?

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4. What does Bildad tell Job to do, and why, according to verses 8 & 9?

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5. What is the destiny of all those who forget God, according to verses 11-13?

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6. How does Bildad characterize the hope of the godless ,according to verses 14 & 15?

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7. What does God not do, according to verse 20?

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8. What will God still do for Job, according to verse 21?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Bildad the Brutal really bombs and blasts Job in this speech.

LESSON #2: Bildad is suffering from a hardening of the categories.

LESSON #3: It is always wrong to club and clobber someone with the Scriptures when they are suffering.

LESSON #4: Bildad does not have all the facts, so he has no right to an opinion.

LESSON #5: Bildad tells Job that his children died because of sin.

LESSON #6: Bildad wants Job to repent before it is too late so God will be roused, restore, and not reject him.

LESSON #7: Bildad uses the past to explain the present.

LESSON #8: It is the height of arrogance to think that one knows what God is doing in the life of another.

LESSON #9: Bildad has failed to see Job as a hurting, lonely man who needs some affirmation and encouragement.

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**STUDY NUMBER SIX – [JOB 9:1-10:22](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 9:1-10:22](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is Job's question, according to [chapter 9:2](#)?

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3. What does God do, according to [verse 10](#)?

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4. How does Job describe life, according to verse 25?

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5. What is Job going to say to God, according to chapter 10:2?

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6. What question is Job going to ask of God, according to verse 8?

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7. What has God done for Job in the past, according to verse 12?

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8. What does Job want God to do, according to verse 20?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20).

LESSON #2: It is only the righteousness of Jesus Christ that makes us acceptable in the presence of a holy God.

LESSON #3: God’s wisdom is profound, and His power is vast.

LESSON #4: When you are fighting against God, you are going to experience consequences from that conflict.

LESSON #5: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be numbered.

LESSON #6: Suffering makes us vulnerable to misunderstanding God's purpose and plan for our lives.

LESSON #7: There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.

LESSON #8: Job is in deep despair and is speaking out in the bitterness of his soul.

LESSON #9: Job does not have all the facts, so he has misinterpreted God's purpose and plan in all of this.

LESSON #10: Death can be a moment of great victory and triumph for the believer.

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**STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – [JOB 11:1-20](#)**

**NOTES**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 11:1-20](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What four questions does Zophar ask in [verses 2 & 3](#)?

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3. What does Zophar wish that God would do, according to verse 5?

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4. What two questions does Zophar ask of Job, according to verse 7?

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5. What three suggestions does Zophar give to Job to solve his problems, according to verses 13 & 14?

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6. What will happen if Job does these three things, according to verses 15 & 16?

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7. What does Job have to look forward to, according to verse 17?

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8. Contrast the life of the righteous to the wicked, according to verses 18-20.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Questions, confrontations, and accusations should never be part of the comforting process.

LESSON #2: Zophar, in his anger, has forgotten that Job is a very hurting, lonely man.

LESSON #3: Zophar assumes that if God would speak, He would speak against Job—but it will be against Zophar later in the passage.

LESSON #4: God’s wisdom has two sides: that which He sees from above, and that which we see from below; that which is revealed, and that which is unrevealed.

LESSON #5: Zophar says that Job has sinned even beyond the extent of his punishment.

LESSON #6: God’s wisdom and ways of doing things are far beyond us.

LESSON #7: Zophar accuses Job of being deceitful and doing evil.

LESSON #8: Job suffers verbal abuse from Zophar by some of the things that he says.

LESSON #9: The three R’s of Zophar’s solution are: 1) repent; 2) renounce; and 3) the rewards are yours.

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**STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – [JOB 12:1-14:22](#)**

**NOTES**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 12:1-14:22](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is in the hand of God, according to [chapter 12:10](#)?

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3. What can be found among older people, according to verse 12?

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4. What two things belong to God, according to verse 16?

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5. How does Job feel about his friends, according to chapter 13:4?

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6. Describe Job's commitment to the Lord, according to verse 15.

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7. How is man described by Job, according to chapter 14:1?

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8. How does Job feel about man's life in relationship to the sovereignty of God, according to verse 5?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Job is weary of hearing words that do not apply to his situation.



LESSON #2: Job senses that he has become a laughingstock to his friends.

LESSON #3: God has your life in His hand, and He is giving you your next breath.

LESSON #4: God has wisdom, power, counsel, understanding, strength, and victory.

LESSON #5: God is the One who makes nations great, and He is the One who destroys them.

LESSON #6: Sometimes saying nothing in the face of grief is the greatest wisdom.

LESSON #7: It is sheer folly to speak for God to a suffering saint.

LESSON #8: Job is open and transparent before the Lord, giving Him an invitation to show him his sin.

LESSON #9: Man's days are determined, and God has set limits that cannot be exceeded.

LESSON #10: Job's view of life is distorted because of his deep depression.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

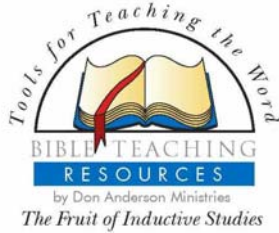
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## **“Understanding Sovereignty and Suffering”**

### **PART II - Job 15-24**

**STUDY NUMBER NINE** – [JOB 15:1-35](#)

**NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 15:1-35](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Eliphaz accuse Job of doing in [verse 4](#)?

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3. How does Eliphaz describe man in [verse 16](#)?

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4. What does Eliphaz desire to do, according to [verses 17 & 18](#)?

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5. How does Eliphaz describe the wicked man in verses 20-26?

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6. What is going to ultimately happen to this wicked man, according to verses 27-29?

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7. Describe this wicked man's future, according to verses 30-32.

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8. How does Eliphaz conclude his message in verse 35?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How quickly we can turn from comfort to confrontation when we are dealing with a grieving individual.

LESSON #2: We must learn that it is possible to miss completely the whole purpose when we are trying to explain suffering in the life of another.

LESSON #3: How dangerous it is to make accusations in the face of grief.

LESSON #4: When it comes to suffering and sorrow, the safe place to be is to admit our ignorance as to God's purpose and plan.

LESSON #5: Venting one's anger is a healthy part of the grieving process.

LESSON #6: Eliphaz is on target when he speaks of the total depravity of man in verse 14.

LESSON #7: Eliphaz is arguing from the position of experience rather than from truth.

LESSON #8: The eighteen difficulties that are outlined in the concluding part of the speech of Eliphaz are the fruit of wickedness.

LESSON #9: "Be not deceived, God is not laughed at. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

LESSON #10: "When sin is conceived, it gives birth to death" and not to life.

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**STUDY NUMBER TEN – [JOB 16:1-17:16](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Job 16:1-17:16 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Job characterize his friends, according to chapter 16:2, 3?

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3. What would Job do for them if he were in their place, according to chapter 16:5?

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4. What does Job say of God in chapter 16:7?

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5. How does Job describe himself, according to chapter 16:17?

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6. How does Job describe the rest of his life, according to chapter 16:22?

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7. What three things does Job say about himself in chapter 17:1?

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8. What two things will the righteous do in the midst of their suffering, according to chapter 17:9?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Job's friends had become confronters rather than comforters.

LESSON #2: They were indulging in long-winded speeches instead of silence and sensitivity.

LESSON #3: Job says, "If I were in your place, I would encourage and comfort you to bring relief."

LESSON #4: Job accuses God of assailing him and tearing him in anger.

LESSON #5: Job is suffering from physical and verbal abuse from folks who are around him.

LESSON #6: Job says that God shattered, seized, crushed, and hung him up as His target.

LESSON #7: Job speaks of God in an intimate way as “my witness, my advocate, my intercessor and my friend.”

LESSON #8: Job views his life as soon to be gone.

LESSON #9: We see Job’s depression in the three statements in chapter 17:1: 1) “My spirit is broken”; 2) “My days are cut short”; and 3) “The grave awaits me.”

LESSON #10: Job confesses three things: 1) “My days have past”; 2) “My plans are shattered”; and 3) “The desires of my heart are shattered.”

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**STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN – [JOB 18:1-21](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Job 18:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Bildad ask Job to do, according to verse 2?

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3. In what two ways does Bildad describe Job’s treatment of them in verse 3?

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4. How does Bildad describe the wicked in verse 5?

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5. What ultimately happens to the wicked, according to verse 7?

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6. Describe what the wicked one has to look forward to, according to verses 8-12.

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7. What happens to the wicked, according to verse 17?

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8. Summarize the sad end of the wicked, according to verses 18-21.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Affirmation can turn to argument if we are not on the alert.

LESSON #2: It is so easy to accuse others of being irrational.

LESSON #3: Anger is a normal part of the grieving process.

LESSON #4: Job's anger is three-fold: he feels he has been mistreated by God, misunderstood by his friends, and living in miserable circumstances.

LESSON #5: God is not in the business of making exceptions for anyone.

LESSON #6: Wrong premises and right promises will do great damage.

LESSON #7: The path of the wicked and the righteous are covered with traps put there by Satan.

LESSON #8: Sin, Satan and the system of this world are just three of those traps.

LESSON #9: Sin starts out below and then manifests itself above. It is first private and then public.

LESSON #10: God will have it His way!

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**STUDY NUMBER TWELVE – [JOB 19:1-29](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 19:1-29](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. According to Job, what are his friends doing to him in [verses 2 & 3](#)?

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3. How does Job respond to his friend's accusations, according to [verse 4](#)?

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4. What is the hardest part of Job's suffering, according to verse 7?

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5. How does Job feel that God is treating him, according to verse 11?

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6. What is just killing Job, according to verse 19?

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7. What is Job's plea, according to verse 21?

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8. What is Job still hanging onto while he is in the crucible, according to verses 25-27?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Words from our lips can torment, crush, reproach and attack someone else.

LESSON #2: Job is saying that each of us will be accountable for our own sin.

LESSON #3: When exercising discipline over brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, it is easy to become self-righteous and to use the failure as a means of humiliation.

LESSON #4: Job’s cries have been met with silence and no justice.

LESSON #5: Job blames God for all that has happened to him.

LESSON #6: Job has lost all of his meaningful interpersonal relationships through his suffering.

LESSON #7: Job’s wife is not there to sympathize and support him but rather stays away.

LESSON #8: Job has barely escaped death so far.

LESSON #9: With the eye of faith, Job sees that his Vindicator lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

LESSON #10: Does your heart yearn for that glorious day of manifestation?

LESSON #11: We will be held accountable for what we have said to others.

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**STUDY NUMBER THIRTEEN – [JOB 20:1-29](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 20:1-29](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Zophar describe himself, according to [verse 2](#)?

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3. How does Zophar describe the wicked, according to [verse 5](#)?

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4. What further description does Zophar give of the wicked in verses 6-9?

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5. What will happen to the riches of the wicked, according to verse 15?

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6. What is the curse of wealth, according to verse 20?

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7. What does the future hold for the wealthy wicked, according to verses 21 & 22?

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8. What will heaven and earth do to the wicked man, according to verse 27?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The tongue ought to be used with restraint when you have troubled thoughts and you are greatly disturbed.

LESSON #2: When you speak from wounded pride, you usually provide more heat than light.

LESSON #3: Zophar's message is a great statement of the future plight of the wicked.

LESSON #4: It is the right message for the wrong man.

LESSON #5: The painful cry of those who remain when the wicked dies is, "Where is He?"

LESSON #6: Aging forces us to give up youthful vigor and face the reality of the destiny of the dead.

LESSON #7: Sin is always sweet but the consequences are bitter.

LESSON #8: Sin has a fatal attraction that makes it hard to let it go.

LESSON #9: When it comes to wealth, we are going to leave it all behind.

LESSON #10: Job is falsely accused of oppressing the poor.

LESSON #11: The certainty of God's future judgment is very real.

LESSON #12: God does allot a sure fate for the wicked.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER FOURTEEN – [JOB 21:1-34](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 21:1-34](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What request does Job make of his friends, according to [verses 2 & 3](#)?

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3. What is Job's evaluation of the wicked in [verses 7-13](#)?

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4. How do the wicked respond to God, according to verses 14 & 15?

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5. What is Job's wish for the wicked, according to verse 20?

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6. What is the hardest thing to comprehend and understand about God's plan for our lives, according to verses 22-26?

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7. What does Job say of his friends, according to verse 27?

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8. What does Job think of his friends' counsel and advice, according to verse 34?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When we just listen to the grieving person, we are giving comfort and consolation.

LESSON #2: Job's complaint is against God and not against his three friends.

LESSON #3: Job is frustrated by the thought that the wicked live long lives and keep on increasing in power.

LESSON #4: Since he has felt the severity of the rod of God upon him, he cannot understand why the wicked do not experience this same rod upon them.

LESSON #5: Many of the wicked spend their years in prosperity and go down to the grave in peace.

LESSON #6: The sad confession of the wicked is, "Leave us alone! We have no desire to know your ways."

LESSON #7: The wicked have no desire to serve God or to pray to Him.

LESSON #8: God has sovereign control over the days, months, and years of our lives.

LESSON #9: How foolish it is to think that we can teach knowledge to God.

LESSON #10: The two words that describe the three friends' contributions to Job's life to this point are the words "nonsense" and "falsehood."

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER FIFTEEN – [JOB 22:1-30](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 22:1-30](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What seven questions does Eliphaz ask of Job in [verses 2-5](#)?

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3. How does Eliphaz explain Job's calamity according to [verses 6-11](#)?

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4. What question does Eliphaz ask of Job in verse 15?

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5. What two things happen to the wicked, according to verse 16?

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6. What does Eliphaz command Job to do, according to verses 21 & 22?

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7. What two things does Eliphaz suggest that Job do, according to verse 23?

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8. Summarize the results for Job if he will follow the advice of Eliphaz, according to verses 26 & 27.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord does take great delight in us when we walk with Him. He quiets us with His love, He rejoices over us with singing (Zephaniah 3:17).

LESSON #2: Eliphaz falsely accuses Job of great wickedness and endless sins.

LESSON #3: Eliphaz brings six false charges against Job to vindicate his own position.

LESSON #4: God is in the heights of heaven, and when we die we are going to die and be with Him if we have received Jesus Christ by faith.

LESSON #5: "All things are naked and open under the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13).

LESSON #6: There is a broad way that leads to destruction and a narrow way that leads to life, which are you choosing?

LESSON #7: Eliphaz misinterprets Job's words and then uses them against him.

LESSON #8: The 7 steps to recovery outlined by Eliphaz in the conclusion of his speech are great, but not relevant to Job.

LESSON #9: "Hitherto have you asked nothing in My name; ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full" (John 16:24).

LESSON #10: The ten promises made in the end of his speech are wonderful blessings for those who are successful in following the steps of recovery.

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**STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN - [JOB 23:1-24:25](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Job 23:1-24:25 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe Job's condition, according to chapter 23:2, 3.

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3. What would Job do if he had an audience with God, according to chapter 23:4, 5?

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4. What is Job's ultimate confidence, according to chapter 23:10?

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5. What is Job's evaluation of his own conduct prior to this series of tragedies in his life, according to chapter 23:11, 12?

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6. From Job's perspective, what has God done to him, according to chapter 23:16?

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7. How does Job verbalize his frustration, according to chapter 24:12?

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8. Describe how God writes the finale for the wicked, according to chapter 24:22-25.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There are times in our lives when our complaint is bitter and we feel His heavy hand upon us.

LESSON #2: Many times in suffering we sense the lack of His presence.

LESSON #3: Job feels that God would be upright and fair in His judgment if He had all the facts.

LESSON #4: Job sees these experiences as a test to refine and ultimately purify him.

LESSON #5: Can you give testimony that your feet have followed closely His steps and that you have kept His way without turning aside?

LESSON #6: Do you treasure feeding on His Word more than you do on your physical food?

LESSON #7: God is sovereign and He does whatever He pleases.

LESSON #8: God has set a definite time and agenda for future judgment.

LESSON #9: Sometimes it seems like the wicked are getting away with their sin but God's judgment will ultimately and certainly fall.

LESSON #10: Are you presently walking in the light as He is in the light?

LESSON #11: God does drag away the mighty in judgment by His power.

LESSON #12: The wicked are exalted for a little while and then they are gone.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

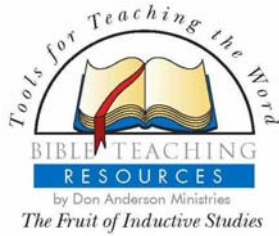
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# **A Practical Study of JOB: Persevere and Press On**

## **“Understanding Sovereignty and Suffering”**

### **PART III - Job 25-42**

**STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – [JOB 25:1-27:23](#)**

**NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 25:1-27:23](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Bildad describe God, according to [chapter 25:2](#)?

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3. What two key questions does Bildad ask in [verse 4](#)?

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4. What questions does Job ask in [chapter 26:4](#)?

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5. What two things has God done, according to Job in chapter 27:2?

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6. What commitment does Job make in verses 5 & 6?

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7. What does Job say that he will do, according to verse 11?

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8. What happens to the wicked, according to verse 19?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How man is declared righteous before God is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON #2: The advice of Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar has been offered without wisdom.

LESSON #3: Nothing the three have had to say has helped to relieve Job's burden of suffering.

LESSON #4: God is the majestic Creator of it all.

LESSON #5: Job says, "How faint the whisper we hear of him!" This reminds us of the words of the psalmist, who says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

LESSON #6: Job still maintains that God has not been fair with him in the display of His justice in his case.

LESSON #7: Job confesses to a bitterness of soul.

LESSON #8: As long as he lives, he will not speak wickedness nor utter deceit.

LESSON #9: As long as he lives, he will never admit that they are right about him being a sinner in need of repentance.

LESSON #10: As long as he lives, he will maintain his integrity.

LESSON #11: As long as he lives, he will maintain his righteousness and his clear conscience.

LESSON #12: Job is now going to teach them “about the power of God; and the ways of the Almighty.”

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**STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN – [JOB 28:1-29:25](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 28:1-29:25](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Job feel about wisdom, according to [chapter 28:12, 13](#)?

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3. What is God's relationship to wisdom, according to [verses 23 & 24](#)?

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4. How does God define wisdom and understanding, according to verse 28?

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5. What is Job longing for in chapter 29:2?

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6. Describe Job's life previous to this series of calamities, according to verses 3-17.

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7. Summarize Job's future expectations, according to verses 18-20.

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8. What was precious to those who saw Job prior to these calamities, according to verse 24?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There are five things that Job has found to help him negotiate the path of suffering: 1) trust in God; 2) the comfort of future resurrection; 3) the rod of discipline; 4) the test that reveals progress; and 5) the wisdom to effectively relate to what is happening.

LESSON #2: When you are looking for a way out, you do not need wisdom for a way through.

LESSON #3: God is the only One who knows where wisdom and understanding are located.

LESSON #4: Wisdom comes to those who seek His face.

LESSON #5: When the past quarrels with the present, there can be no future.

LESSON #6: Job is longing for eight things: God’s care, God’s guidance, his younger days, God’s fellowship, God’s presence, the return of his children, God’s blessing, and his past honor and respect.

LESSON #7: Job’s conversation and conduct were commended by others.

LESSON #8: Job was compassionately involved in the lives of those who were hurting and in need.

LESSON #9: “Righteousness” and “justice” were the clothes that he wore.

LESSON #10: Job was “like a tree planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth its fruit in season” (Psalm 1:3).

LESSON #11: Job’s words were edifying and encouraging to others.

LESSON #12: A smile is worth a thousand words.

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**STUDY NUMBER NINETEEN – [JOB 30:1-31:40](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Job 30:1-31:40 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What three things is Job experiencing, according to chapter 30:15?

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3. What does Job say about himself in verse 16?

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4. What two things does Job say to the Lord in verse 20?

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5. What had Job hoped and looked for, according to verse 26?

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6. What has happened to Job's music, according to verse 31?

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7. What covenant did Job make, according to chapter 31:1?

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8. What does Job say about God in verse 4?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How easy it is to criticize and condemn someone who is really hurting.

LESSON #2: Job accuses God of being his adversary and afflicting him.

LESSON #3: Job's dignity and safety are in jeopardy.

LESSON #4: Job says his life ebbs away and suffering grips him.

LESSON #5: "I cry out to you, O God, but you do not answer; I stand up, but you merely look at me."

LESSON #6: "The churning inside me never stops; days of suffering confront me."

LESSON #7: My harp and my flute are tuned to a minor key.

LESSON #8: Job made a covenant with his eyes not to look and to lust.

LESSON #9: God does see all our ways and counts our every step.

LESSON #10: All the "If I's" could have been changed to "If only's" and then it would have been regret rather than reflection.

LESSON #11: Job has not put his trust in his wealth.

LESSON #12: Job feels that God would vindicate him if He examined his record.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY – JOB 32:1-33:33****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Job 32:1-33:33 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why did the three men stop answering Job, according to chapter 32:1?

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3. Why is Elihu upset with Job and with his three friends, according to verses 2 & 3?

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4. Why is Elihu speaking at this time, according to verse 18?

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5. What does Elihu ask Job to do in chapter 33:1?

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6. How does Elihu preface his remarks in verse 3?

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7. Why does God sometimes allow adversity in our lives, according to verses 29 & 30?

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8. What does Elihu command Job to do in verses 31-33?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Elihu’s speech is the speech of an angry man.

LESSON #2: All four of these would-be comforters are dealing with the head and not the heart in Job’s case.

LESSON #3: Job does not need more explanations, he needs encouragement.

LESSON #4: Elihu is bottled up and full of words and ready to speak.

LESSON #5: Job never did say that he was pure but only blameless before God as far as he knew.

LESSON #6: Elihu confronts Job with the fact that he is not right in accusing God of injustice.

LESSON #7: God is not answerable to His creation with regard to why He allows things to happen.

LESSON #8: God often speaks in a myriad of ways, and we are guilty of not recognizing His voice.

LESSON #9: “For God does speak—now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it.”

LESSON #10: Elihu points out that suffering can be used as a teaching tool.

LESSON #11: How long has it been since you prayed to God and found favor, and you have seen God’s face in your circumstances and shouted for joy?

LESSON #12: How many times has God faithfully confronted you with the issues in your life? twice? three times? maybe more? When are you going to respond?

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-ONE – [JOB 34:1-35:16](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 34:1-35:16](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What are Elihu's objectives, according to [chapter 34:4](#)?

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3. What is unthinkable as far as Elihu is concerned, according to [verse 12](#)?

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4. What key question does Elihu ask in [verse 33](#)?

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5. What does Elihu say of Job, according to [verses 35-37](#)?

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6. How does Elihu describe God in [chapter 35:10, 11](#)?

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7. Why does God sometimes not answer, according to verse 12?

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8. What does Elihu say of Job in verse 16?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How quickly the original intention of comfort can be lost in the spirit of confrontation.

LESSON #2: "It is unthinkable that God would do wrong, that the Almighty would pervert justice."

LESSON #3: God could choose to take away the breath of mankind and all would perish.

LESSON #4: God is obligated to no one when it comes to explaining the reasons why he allows certain things to happen.

LESSON #5: "His eyes are on the ways of men; he sees their every step."

LESSON #6: God has all the evidence He needs for a conviction.

LESSON #7: Should God then reward you on your terms when you refuse to repent?

LESSON #8: It is Elihu's desire that God "throw the book" at Job for his pride.

LESSON #9: Our God is the one "who gives songs in the night."

LESSON #10: Our God is the one who teaches us how to walk with Him in fellowship.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-TWO – [JOB 36:1-37:24](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 36:1-37:24](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Elihu ask for in [chapter 36:2](#)?

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3. What does Elihu say about God in [verse 5](#)?

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4. What is Elihu's concept of suffering, according to [verses 8-10](#)?

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5. According to Elihu, how does God treat those who obey and serve Him, according to [verse 11](#)?

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6. What does Elihu say about God in verse 22?

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7. What does Elihu say about God in chapter 37:5?

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8. How does Elihu conclude his speech about God in verse 23?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Elihu feels that more needs to be spoken on God's behalf.

LESSON #2: Elihu speaks truth when he ascribes justice to his Maker.

LESSON #3: God is powerful and firm in His purpose.

LESSON #4: God does not take His eyes off the righteous.

LESSON #5: God speaks to us in our affliction.

LESSON #6: God is in the business of teaching us important lessons in our suffering.

LESSON #7: How great is God? He is beyond our understanding.

LESSON #8: When is the last time you took time to behold God in some natural phenomenon?

LESSON #9: He uses the rain and the snow so that all men He has made may know His work.

LESSON #10: Stop and consider God's wonders.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-THREE – [JOB 38:1-39:30](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Job 38:1-39:30](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the Lord's first question of Job in [chapter 38:2](#)?

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3. What does the Lord tell Job to do, according to [verse 3](#)?

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4. What does the Lord ask Job in [verse 18](#)?

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5. What two questions does the Lord ask of Job in [verse 33](#)?

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6. What is the answer to the Lord's question addressed to Job in verse 36?

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7. What two things did God not give to the stork, according to chapter 39:17?

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8. How does the Lord describe the horse in verses 19-22?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God came to meet Job in the midst of a storm.

LESSON #2: Job has darkened God's counsel with "words without knowledge."

LESSON #3: God is the One who is asking the questions, not Job.

LESSON #4: There was great joy in heaven at the creation of the earth.

LESSON #5: "The very presence of the loving one proved sufficient to answer every question and still every doubt" (George MacDonald).

LESSON #6: It is God who orders and controls the starry heavens.

LESSON #7: God is the One who endows the heart with wisdom and gives understanding to the mind.

LESSON #8: God is faithful to make provision for His creation.

LESSON #9: God has a great sense of humor, reflected in the creation of the ostrich.

LESSON #10: So far Job has scored a “0” on his S.A.T., his Spiritual Aptitude Test.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR – [JOB 40:1-42:17](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

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2. What does the Lord say to Job in [chapter 40:2](#)?

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3. How does Job respond to the Lord in [verses 4 & 5](#)?

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4. What two questions does the Lord ask of Job in [verse 8](#)?

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5. What are the question and statement that the Lord makes in [chapter 41:11](#)?

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6. What does Job say to the Lord in chapter 42:2?

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7. What are Job's final words in verse 6?

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8. What did the Lord do for Job after he prayed for his friends, according to verse 10?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is awfully easy for us to contend with the Lord and correct Him by telling Him what it takes to please us.

LESSON #2: Job's first response to the Lord is, "I am unworthy, I have no answer, I will say no more."

LESSON #3: It is a serious matter to hear from the Lord.

LESSON #4: We question God's integrity when we discredit His justice and condemn Him to justify ourselves.

LESSON #5: God's challenge to Job is to take His place and be God, and then God would observe how he operates.

LESSON #6: We see the awesome power of God displayed in His creation in Job 41:8 when we read: "If you lay a hand on him, you will remember the struggle and never do it again!"

LESSON #7: "Who then is able to stand against me? Who has a claim against me that I must pay?"

LESSON #8: "Everything under heaven belongs to me."

LESSON #9: Job acknowledges God's strength and sovereignty when he says, "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted."

LESSON #10: Job's last words are that he "repents in dust and ashes."

LESSON #11: Four times God refers to Job with the title "My Servant Job."

LESSON #12: Finally his friends came to comfort and console him.

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