

Job's Lesson

Week of Jan. 13 - 19, 2020

Introduction

The Book of Job is one of the most celebrated pieces of biblical literature. Job has a large family as well as extensive flocks. He is a man who is “blameless and upright”. A model for all to honor. But in the course of one day, Job lost his children, livestock and servants, and then is plagued with horrible skin sores. His wife encouraged him to curse God, give up and die, but he refused.

In the lesson this week, Job is visited by three friends. He responds to the timeless question; “ Why do bad things happen to good people?”

Lesson Job 19:21-29

²¹ “Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me.

²² Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh?

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,

²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!

²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God;

²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me! ²⁸ “If you say, ‘How we will hound him, since the root of the trouble lies in him,’ ²⁹ you should fear the sword yourselves;

for wrath will bring punishment by the sword, and then you will know that there is judgment.”

Questions

1. How can we judge someone without seeing the full picture?
2. How do you handle your own suffering?
3. Why is it important to have a walk with God during difficult times?
4. Why did Job want his words inscribed? Do you think he ever thought his words would be recorded?
5. Despite Job’s complaints, what confidence did he express regarding God?
6. What warning to Job’s friends did he give in his ending speech? Why was this speech so important?
7. Job’s proclamation of faith was very strong. Do you find it hard to proclaim your faith to God?

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you that Jesus is my Redeemer and that He lives! Deliver me and others from judgement. Help me to share the grace of God with others. Amen