

## Here's 10 Lessons We Learn From the Book of Job

### 1.) Bad things happen to good people .

The book of Job opens in verse one by telling us that Job was a blameless, upright man who feared God and turned away from evil. Then...his life unravelled. Job's suffering did not come because he was bad but rather because of his unwavering faithfulness to God. (Job 1:8)

### 2.) In the midst of suffering, we must never lose our hope in God.

One of the greatest statements of faith in all of scripture is found right in the middle of Job chapter 13. Job says: "Though he slay me, I will hope in him." No one and nothing can steal your joy or your peace when your hope is in God. Never lose your hope in God!

### 3.) Our friends may fail us in the midst of our misery but God never does.

Job's friends put him on the defence. Job said of his three friends: "Miserable comforters are you all!" (16:2) Job proclaims where his deep strength flows from:

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!*

~Job 19:25-27

One day – we will see with our own eyes our Redeemer! He is alive today and forevermore and because He lives – we can face tomorrow with victory!

### 4.) Even in the midst of God's silence, His presence is with us.

Job wrestled and wrestled with God's silence in the midst of his suffering. Over 25 times he asked the question "why?" and he continually asked for the opportunity to defend his case before God. Job had entered the fiery furnace of suffering.

#### Job writes:

***But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.***

<sup>11</sup> *My foot has held fast to his steps;*

*I have kept his way and have not turned aside.*

<sup>12</sup> *I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;*

*I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.*

~Job 23:10-12

## 5.) Wisdom comes from fearing God and turning away from evil.

Humility is key. Pride can interfere with us following the wise ways of the Lord. And when pride interferes it clouds our vision, and before we know it – we are on the wrong path towards evil. Job explains in Job 28:28:

*'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'*

## 6.) God is with us in the midst of our storms.

The Lord is our good shepherd and He never leaves our side. He walks with us through the valleys. He restores our soul when we are weary. He leads us to the path of righteousness when we have lost our way. He gives us courage when we are scared and he comforts us when we are hurting. Our God is the God of the storm.

## 7.) God is in control.

God is the creator of the universe. He is mighty and powerful. We can trust Him with our lives. We see in Job chapter one, that nothing came into the life of Job which did not first go through the hands of his loving God. Every page of scripture points to a sovereign God – from the creation account in Genesis to the return of Christ in Revelation, our God is in complete control.

## 8.) Sometimes, in the midst of our suffering, we sin.

God accepts a humble and repentant heart. In Job 42, we see Job surrender to God and repent. Job recognized that God is the creator and he is just his creation.

*I despise myself, and repent in the dust of ashes.*  
~Job 42:6

## 9.) Sometimes we sin against our friends.

Job's friends not only failed to be there for Job in a supportive, loving way but they gave poor advice based on their misunderstandings of God.

*The Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.*  
~Job 42:7

## 10.) After repentance and forgiveness comes blessings.

In Job 42, Job made a burnt offering for his friends and prayed for them as God commanded Him to do. God accepted Job's prayer for them and THEN Job's fortunes were restored WHEN he prayed for his friends!

Isn't this an interesting connection? Job forgave his friends **BEFORE** he knew how blessed he was about to become. It was Job's prayer that released blessings!

*"The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning."*

*~Job 42:12*

### **Final Conclusion**

When we are feeling stressed and frustrated and wounded by this world may we step back and take a look at all of God's creation. Get outside under the big sky and remind yourself who your God is. Then, get into His word and learn more about God's love for you. Trust that if he can create and sustain the entire universe, surely He will take care of you.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-34

*<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"*

*<sup>26</sup> **Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?***

*<sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*<sup>30</sup> **But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?** <sup>31</sup> **Therefore do not be anxious,** saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.*

*<sup>33</sup> **But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.** <sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Our Heavenly Father feeds the sparrows and clothes the lilies, surely, He will take care of us in the midst of our trials.

In the end, God rewarded Job for his faithfulness.

May we be found faithful today!

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