## The Bible Jesus Read

## Lesson 3

Job

The story of Job gives us a behind the scenes view of the supernatural world that we in the material world are not normally aware of. We see the adversary of God and the accuser of man at work before the throne of God. Satan is always busy in an attempt to oppose God's plan and destroy God's people. A very important question concerning the nature of man and man's volition to trust in God are asked and answered. Will a man serve God for nothing? In order to lovingly trust, obey, and serve God, must we be rewarded? Eternal questions like "Who has the right to rule?" and "Why do bad things happen to good people?" are debated. In the end, Job will learn that God never makes excuses, apologies, or explanations but God gives theology lessons.

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1.	List at least five reasons why believers must suffer (Job 1:8-12, Ephesians 6:12, Deut 8:2-3, John 9:1-3, Romans 5:3-5, Hebrews 12:7-11).	
2.	Read chapter 1 of Job. What did God think of Job (v 8)? What profound question did Satan ask in verses 9-11?	
3.	What was the test of faith levied on Job (1:12-19)? What was his response (v 21-22)? How did they "up the ante" in 2:4-7?	
4.	Who came to comfort Job in 2:11-13? What question did Job finally ask (3:11, 7:20, 10:2)?	
5.	After Job's laments, his friends begin a series of their opinions for the reason behind his suffering What is their general consensus of opinion (Job 4:8; 11:20; 15:20; 20:28-29)?	

6.	What was Job's general reply to his friends (6:10, 9:20-21)?
7.	During his heated discussions with his so-called friends, what are some of the really powerful statements that Job made (4:7; 13:15; 14:1, 5: 19:25-27)?
8.	Like all of us, Job wishes he could ask God questions and get answers. What happens in chapter 38:1 that will end all Job's questions? What cosmic questions did God ask Job that put him and all of mankind back in their place (38:4-18; 40:1-2, 8-9; 41:11)?
9.	Did God deal with the self important know it all friends who accused Job for 34 chapters (Job 42:7-9)?
10.	We are fortunate to be able to "look behind the curtain" in Job 1-2. When Job felt most abandoned, was God actually giving him personal scrutiny? Was Job's trial a crises of suffering or a test of faith? In Job 1:8, was Job being oppressed or exalted? From God's viewpoint, is the central issue the cause of suffering or is it our response to suffering?