

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.

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)?

