

Job – 42 Chapters

Title:

Job- after the main character

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Occasion and Purpose:

To wrestle with the issue of justice in the moral universe. Implicitly challenges the reader to come to grips with the limits of human wisdom and the need to surrender to God's superior wisdom.

Themes:

1. Is God just?
2. Who has wisdom?
3. Why do the righteous suffer?
4. Can God be trusted?
5. Why do we serve God?
6. Are we content with creaturehood?

Summary:

The story of a righteous man who is struck by severe suffering and misfortune. Job's friends try to comfort him and they also accuse him of wrongdoing. He denies that he has done evil and cries to God for justice. In the end God answers him and is vindicated and Job is healed of his suffering. Deals with the problem of suffering.

Organization:

Prologue	Intro: Job is righteous – 1:1-5	1:1-2:13
	First round: Job’s family and possessions attacked – 1:6-22	
	Second round: Job’s health is attacked – 2:1-10	
	Job’s friends arrive to comfort him – 2:11-13	
Dialogues	Job’s Complaint: Curse the day he was born – 3:1-26	3:1-27:23
	First Cycle: Eliphaz, Job, Bildad, Job, Zophar, Job – 4:1-14:22	
	Second Cycle: Eliphaz, Job, Bildad, Job, Zophar, Job – 15:1-21:34	
	Third Cycle: Eliphaz, Job, Bildad, Job, Zophar?, Job – 22:1-27:23	
Hymn of Wisdom	Earthly treasure can be found – 28:1-11	28:1-28
	Wisdom is more precious than treasure – 28:12-19	
	Man cannot find wisdom, but God can – 28:20-28	
Monologues	Job’s Monologue – 29:1-31:40	29:1-42:6
	Elihu’s Monologue – 32:1-37:24	
	God’s Monologues and Job’s replies – 38:1-42:6	
Epilogue	God pronounces judgment on what was spoken – 42:7-9	42:7-17
	God doubly blesses Job – 42:10-17	

Key Verses:

1:1,20-22; 2:10; 3:1; 6:1-3, 8-10; 19:4-7, 21-27; 28:12-13, 20-24; 38:1-4; 40:1-14; 42:1-7, 10-12