

## Lessons On Suffering And Grief From The Book Of Job

Job 1:13-22 Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house;<sup>14</sup> and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,<sup>15</sup> when the Sabeans raided them and took them away – indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" <sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" <sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" <sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,<sup>19</sup> and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" <sup>20</sup> Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.<sup>21</sup> And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." <sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

### I. The Grief Of Job

Job 6:2-3 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed, And my calamity laid with it on the scales! <sup>3</sup> For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea –Therefore my words have been rash.

Job 17:1 "My spirit is broken, My days are extinguished, The grave is ready for me.

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Job 30:16 "And now my soul is poured out because of my plight; The days of affliction take hold of me.

Job 23:2 "Even today my complaint is bitter; My hand is listless because of my groaning

Genesis 37:34-35 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.<sup>35</sup> And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him

### II. What Have I Done, Why Did God Do This To Me?

Job 7:20 Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?

Job 10:1-2 "My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.

Job 19:6 Know then that God has wronged me, And has surrounded me with His net.

Job 19:21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me!

### III. Oh How I Long For Yesterday

Job 29:2-5 "Oh, that I were as in months past, As in the days when God watched over me; 3 When His lamp shone upon my head, And when by His light I walked through darkness; 4 Just as I was in the days of my prime, When the friendly counsel of God was over my tent; 5 When the Almighty was yet with me, When my children were around me;

### IV. People Do Not Understand

Job 2:13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job 6:14 "To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

Job 9:27-28 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad face and wear a smile,' 28 I am afraid of all my sufferings; I know that You will not hold me innocent.

Job 12:2 "No doubt you are the people, And wisdom will die with you!

Job 16:2-6 "I have heard many such things; Miserable comforters are you all! 3 Shall words of wind have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? 4 I also could speak as you do, If your soul were in my soul's place. I could heap up words against you, And shake my head at you; 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief. 6 "Though I speak, my grief is not relieved; And if I remain silent, how am I eased?

### V. Hope In God

Job 40:2-4 "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said: 4 "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

Job 40:8 "Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?

Job 17:15-16 Where then is my hope? As for my hope, who can see it? 16 Will they go down to the gates of Sheol? Shall we have rest together in the dust?"

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

Job 13:15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

Psalms 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.