



OUR QUESTIONS: The Book of Job

Session 4

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, your servant Job suffered though he was more righteous and blameless than any man on earth. Teach us to view all suffering in light of the suffering your Son Jesus endured. In His name we pray. Amen.

Study:

Q: Job is a book that seems to stand alone. It is not a book that, on the surface, interacts clearly with other parts of the Scriptures. And yet, what do we know about all Scripture? (John 5:39-40, Luke 24:44)

Q: Job is spoken of by God as the most blameless and upright man on earth in his day. The New Testament commends his steadfastness as an example to follow (James 5:11). What one man surpasses him and every other great man or woman in the Bible? (Matthew 12:38-42)

Q: In the Psalms and other places in the Scriptures, words first spoken by one of God's people of old find their true meaning only when applied to Christ. This is also true of words we read in Job. How do the words found in the following verses apply to Christ, his life, and his works? (Job 7:11, 7:20, 9:17-18, 9:32-33, 12:9, 13:15, 14:4, 14:14-17, 19:25-27, 42:8) It might be helpful to have the participants imagine Jesus saying the words of these verses.

Q: In general, we could say that Job is a book about a righteous man suffering as God works in ways not comprehensible to man. Jesus is the perfect man, who suffers as God works salvation in ways that man cannot comprehend fully. And if He suffered even while perfectly righteous, what should we, his disciples, expect in our lives? (Luke 6:40)

Q: While we wait for the Last Day and the fulfillment of God's promises, what comfort do we find in the following verses when enduring suffering? (2 Corinthians 1:5, Philippians 3:10-11, 1 Peter 2:19, Acts 5:41, Romans 5:3-5)

Closing Prayer:

O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, to rightly treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake, that following His blessed example we may bear with all patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.