

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN
JOB 1:1 / JAN. 22, 2017 PM

I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JOB AND THE BOOK THAT BEARS HIS NAME?

- A. Job falls under the biblical classification of "Wisdom Literature".
- B. What do we know about Job?
 - 1. He lived in the land of Uz--Job 1:1a.
 - 2. His long lifespan corresponds to others found in the Bible.
 - 3. He is described morally like Noah was--Job 1:1b.
 - 4. He had a large family--Job 1:2a
 - 5. He was wealthy and well respected--Job 1:2-3.
- C. Job's faithfulness is tested by God--Job. 1:8.
- D. From chapters 4-37 Job's four friends give him plenty of bad advice.
- E. From chapters 38-42 God speaks to Job.
 - 1. God acknowledged that Job received bad advice from his friends--Job 38:1-2.
 - 2. God humbles Job by asking him a series of questions about creation--Job 38:4.
 - 3. Job acknowledges that he complained about things that he didn't understand--Job 42:3b.
 - 4. Job repents of his complaints about God--Job 42:5-6.
 - 5. God returned all his material wealth and children--Job 42:12-13.

II. WHAT LESSONS DOES JOB TEACH US?

- 1. It confirms that bad things indeed do happen to good people.
- 2. Even in the midst of suffering we must never lose hope--Job 13:15.
- 3. This life on earth is not all there is--Job 19:25-26.
- 4. Even when God is silent He is still with us--Job. 23:10a.
- 5. Suffering may lead us to a deeper understanding of God--Romans 8:28.
- 6. God doesn't tempt us but He does test us--James 1:13 and 1Peter 1:6-7.