

Introduction to Job:
Building a Theology of Suffering
Romans 15:4; James 5:11

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A. Why Study Job? Its Themes

1. Suffering and the believer
2. Suffering and the Sovereignty of God
3. Suffering and Satan

B. Why Study Job? Its Lessons for the Christian Life

1. Patience in suffering
James 5:11, Romans 12:12
2. Submission to suffering
Job 1:20-22
3. Humility from suffering
Job 40:3-5
4. Activity of Satan in the believer's life
Job 1:7, 1 Peter 5:8
5. God's sovereignty over all things
Job 42:1-2
6. God's good work in us through suffering
Job 13:15, Psalm 119:67, 71, 2 Cor. 12:7-10
7. True knowledge of ourselves
Job 42:3-6

Outline of Job

Job 1-2 Prologue to Job's story and unknown to him cosmic activity

Job 3 Job's intense self-revelation of his intense suffering.

Job 4-27 Three defensive dialogues between Job and three friends.

Job 28-31 Summary and conclusion of the defensive dialogues.

Job 32-37 Elihu's dialogue with Job in the form of rebukes.

Job 38-41 God has the final word

Job 42 Epilogue of Job's story; God's dealing with him/his friends

The Unfolding Scenes

1. Scene # 1 - The Main Character: A Man named Job (Job 1:1-5)
2. Scene # 2 - The Conversation in Heaven: God and Satan (Job 1:6-12)
3. Scene # 3 - Satan's activities, Job's Responses (Job 1:13-22)
4. Scene # 4 - Back to heaven: God and Satan, Pt. 1 (Job 2:1-6)
5. Scene # 5 - Satan's activity, Job's responses, Pt. 2 (Job 2:7-10)
6. Scene # 6 - Job's Friends and the Unfolding Story (Job 2:11-13)