**THE BOOK OF JOB**

**LESSON 7 - JOB ANSWERS HIS CRITICS & JOB’S DESPONDENT PRAYER.**

**(JOB 12-13)**

**DAYS ONE THRU THREE** - Read Job 12:1-25 (Job Answers His Critics)

1. How does Job sarcastically challenge the way his three so-called friends were acting in verse 2?

*Answer here*

2. How does Job stand up for himself in verse 3?

*Answer here*

3. How does Job describe himself in verse 4?

*Answer here*

4. The NIV translates verse 5: *He who is at ease holds calamity in contempt, as the fate of those whose feet slip.* How does this describe the way Job’s friends viewed him?

*Answer here*

5. How does Job challenge this thinking by his friends, that the righteous always prosper and the wicked always suffer in verse 6?

*Answer here*

6. What stands out to you in verses 7-10, about what creation itself illustrates in the real world, and what the *beasts* can teach us about life?

*Answer here*

7. What does Paul say about what we should know from *creation* in Romans 1:20?

*Answer here*

8. How does Job 12:11-12 describe the wisdom of men, while at the same time, possibly questioning the wisdom of his friends?

*Answer here*

9. As verse 13 begins a vivid definition of God’s wisdom and strength, visible in everything around us, what does Job then say about Him, in verse 13b?

*Answer here*

10. What happens in verses 14-15, *if* He does certain things?

*Answer here*

11. How is God’s *strength and prudence* displayed in verses 16-17?

*Answer here*

12. Do a **Word Study** of the word prudence.

*Answer here*

13. What else stands out to you about what God can do by his power or *strength* according to verses 18-21?

*Answer here*

14. What more can our Almighty God do according to verses 22-23?

*Answer here*

15. And finally, what can happen to *the people of the earth* in verses 24-25?

*Answer here*

**DAYS FOUR & FIVE** - Read Job 13:1-28 (Job Continues to Answer His Critics & His Prayer)

1. How does Job, once again, tell his friends that he knows everything they know in verses 1 and 2, while not claiming to be wiser, even though he is?

*Answer here*

2. Why does Job boldly say: *I would speak to the Almighty and desire to reason with God,* rather than listening to what his so-called friends were saying in verses 4-5?

*Answer here*

3. What stands out to you about what Job wants his friends to stop doing and then to do, in verses 7-9, as he reasons and pleads with them?

*Answer here*

4. What would *surely* be the end result, if they kept on acting this way in verses 10-12?

*Answer here*

5. a. How does Job tell his friends to leave him alone in verse 13, even though his motive did not seem to be the saving of his life in verse 14?

*Answer here*

b. What do verses 15-16 tell us about Job’s unconditional faith in God while he continues to defend his ways before Him?

*Answer here*

6. How do verses 17-19 show Job’s confidence in how things will turn out for him?

*Answer here*

7. As Job asks for mercy from God, what two things does he beg God not to do in verses 20-21, and then what does he want to happen in verse 22?

*Answer here*

8. Then what does Job ask God to make known to him in verse 23, so he could know if he deserved this suffering and needed to repent from unknown sins?

*Answer here*

9. As Job laments his relationship with God in verses 24-27, as if he were a prisoner, what kind of sins was he wondering about?

*Answer here*

10. How does Job describe the plight of man in verse 28?

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** Re-read Job 12:23-25. How does this seem to match the insanity of what’s going on in our world today as our leaders can’t even tell us what a woman is and say that a man can be pregnant? Also read Romans 1:24-28 to help explain this craziness.

*Answer here*