**THE BOOK OF JOB**

**LESSON 9 - JOB REPROACHES HIS PITILESS FRIENDS & PRAYS FOR RELIEF**

**(JOB 16-17)**

**DAYS ONE THRU THREE** - Read Job 16:1-22 (Job Reproaches His Pitiless Friends)

1. a. Re-read Job 2:11, and tell why Job’s friends *had made an appointment together* to come to him from their own places in the first place.

*Answer here*

b. Back in Job 2:13, what did these friends then do?

*Answer here*

3. How does Job describe his so-called friends now in Job 16:2?

*Answer here*

4. How does he describe their worthless words, wishing they were still silent, in verse 3?

*Answer here*

5. While Job could have acted just like them in verse 4, if their roles had been reversed, how would he have acted differently, according to verse 5?

*Answer here*

6. How was Job between a rock and a hard place in verse 6?

*Answer here*

7. How does Job express what he thinks God has done to him, by His severe judgment, in verses 7-8?

*Answer here*

8. How does Job think of God as his *adversary*, in verse 9?

*Answer here*

9. How do verses 10-11 also give us a picture of Jesus’ suffering? Read Matthew 27:30 and Mark 14:65.

*Answer here*

10. What pictures comes to mind, as Job seems to be attacked by God, in verses 12-14?

*Answer here*

11. How has Job reacted to these terrible attacks, according to verses 15-16?

*Answer here*

12. How does Job defend his innocence in verse 17?

*Answer here*

13. How does Job appeal to the *earth* for evidence, and *heaven* for an advocate to represent him,in verses 18-19?

*Answer here*

14. How was Job pleading for an “innocent” verdict from his friends, as if he was a neighbor, in verses 20-21?

*Answer here*

15. How does Job describe his end, that he may have thought was very near, in verse 22?

*Answer here*

**DAYS FOUR & FIVE** - Read Job 17:1-16 (Job Prays for Relief)

1. a. How does Job describe his situation in verse 1?

*Answer here*

b. How does he describe his friends in verse 2?

*Answer here*

2. How was Job “putting the ball in God’s court,” so to speak in verse 3, for all the problems He was allowing in his life?

*Answer here*

3. a. As Job believes God has allowed the blindness of his friends, how does he call on Him to not let them succeed in verse 5?

*Answer here*

b. Do a **Word Study** of the word *flattery.*

*Answer here*

4. a. How far has Job fallen in the eyes of the people, while his body was also fading away, in verses 6-7?

*Answer here*

b. Do a **Word Study** of the word *by-word*?

*Answer here*

5. As Job describes how *upright* and *innocent men* regard hypocrites like his friends, what will happen in the end according to verse 9?

*Answer here*

6. How does Job show that he is not unteachable if only he could hear the truth from his friends in verse 10?

*Answer here*

7. How is Job thinking in verses 11-12?

*Answer here*

8. What *“if”* statements does Job make in verses 13-14?

*Answer here*

9. What would be missing in verse 15, *if* that was all that Job had to look forward to?

*Answer here*

10. How is the *grave* described in verse 16?

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** *Hope* in God continues to be one of the most important truths that keeps us going as believers today. What do these verses say about the hope that we have?

Romans 5:5

*Answer here*

1 Peter 1-3-5

*Answer here*