

Job – Part 4

God and Human Suffering

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: God and Human Suffering

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

- 1) Our Creator is revealed through His creation
 - a) Romans 1:18-20
 - b) Psalm 33:6-9
 - c) Genesis 1:1
 - d) Job 12:7-10
 - e) John 1:1-3
 - f) Colossians 1:16-17
 - g) Revelation 4:8-11
 - h) What have you learned about God through a study of His created works?
 - i) Why is it important for Christians to remember God as our Creator?
 - j) Genesis 2:1-3 Why is Sabbath such a special gift from our Creator?
 - k) How should we respond to critics to suggest it is foolish to believe in creation by a personal God? (See Romans 1:20-23; 1 Cor. 3:18-20)
- 2) If our Creator is good, why is there so much suffering?
 - a) Genesis 1:1, 25-31 – the original creation was very good
 - b) Matthew 13:24-30; Matthew 13:36-43
 - c) Where did this enemy, the devil, come from?
 - i) Job 1:6-7
 - ii) Revelation 12:7-9
 - iii) Ezekiel 28:13-15
 - d) How did this enemy bring so much suffering to planet earth? Genesis 3:1-8
 - e) How soon did suffering come to planet earth after our first parents yielded to Satan’s temptations and disobeyed God?
- 3) Job’s dilemma
 - a) Job 6:1-10 – what is Job’s perspective here?
 - b) Job 10:8-12 – what question is Job asking?
 - c) Share a time when you or someone you love went through a difficult time struggling with why God allows bad things to happen to “good” people.
 - d) Share the stories of some other Bible characters who had bad things happened to them and may have struggled with the same dilemma as Job.
 - i) Joseph – Genesis Ch. 37, 39-45
 - ii) Daniel – Daniel Ch. 1-2, 6
 - iii) The servant of Naaman’s wife – 2 Kings Ch. 6
 - e) What common theme do you see in all of these stories?
 - f) What promises from the Scriptures give you courage to keep on trusting and praising God even when you are going through difficult times?
 - i) John 16:33
 - ii) Deuteronomy 31:6
 - iii) Other promises?