

Job - Part 13

The character of Job

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: The character of Job.

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

- 1) The Man from Uz
 - a) Job 1:1, 8 – what can we learn from these two verses about a man God trusted as a key witness in the great controversy between good and evil?
 - i) Perfect – Matthew 5:48
 - ii) Upright – Psalm 7:10
 - iii) Feared God – what does this mean? Psalm 34:9
 - iv) Shuns evil – Proverbs 4:14-15 (see also Ps. 1:1-2)
 - b) What can we learn from the fact that Job was apparently unrelated to the great patriarch Abraham?
 - c) How would you like your life to be summarized?
There was a woman..., there was a man...
- 2) Job's life prior to Satan's intense attacks
 - a) Job 1:2-3
 - b) Job 29:1-6
 - c) Job 29:7-11, 21-23 How was Job regarded by his contemporaries?
 - d) Job 29:12-17 How did Job treat those in need?
- e) In what ways is Job's virtuous life an example to us all? James 1:27; Philippians 2:1-4.
- 3) Job's reflection on his past conduct
 - a) Job 31:1 – contrast this attitude with that of David
 - b) Job 31:24-28 – contrast this attitude with that of the rich fool whose story Jesus told in Luke 12:13-21.
 - c) Some might accuse Job of bragging or only remembering his successes when he reflects upon his past life. What is the difference between bragging and telling the truth?
 - d) Job 31:13-15 What heart cry do you hear embedded in this reflection by Job?
 - e) How does our treatment of others reveal our relationship with God? Matthew 25:34-40.
- 4) A shelter in the time of storm
 - a) Job didn't understand why such a violent storm had struck his family. What can we learn from the story of Jesus and His disciples in the midst of a great storm on the Sea of Galilee? Mark 4:35-41
 - b) How does the story at the end of the great Sermon on the Mount relate to Job's experience? Matthew 7:24-27
- 5) Job's faithfulness was pleasing to the LORD
 - a) Job 22:3 – what was Eliphaz implying by this comment? Was he correct in his assertion?
 - b) Job 42:10 - how did the LORD respond?
 - c) What indications do we find in Scripture that our faithful conduct brings joy to the heart of God?
 - i) Matthew 25:21
 - ii) Luke 10:17-21