

1st Quarter – Week 3

(The Suffering Continues Job's initial Response – Friends Speak: Job 2- Job 12)

Day 1 Job 2 Use the chart on Angels. Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall breakdown of Job: Chapters 1& 2 are a historical prologue introducing the main characters of the book. Chapter 3 to chapter 42:6 is a poem featuring the lament of Job. The final eleven verses are the epilogue to the poem. In versus 1-6, the scene is Satan persisting in attacking Job who has remained faithful. God gives permission to physically hurt Job but not kill him. Job's wife encourages him to curse God and die. He refuses recognizing God gives blessings and trials. The friends of Job come to advise him. <p>Jesus Christ: The suffering of Job with boils left him unrecognizable (2:12) and can be compared to the prophecy of Isiah 52:14, speaking of Christ's appearance on the cross after the brutal events of the crucifixion.</p>
Day 2 Job 3-4 Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 3 shifts to poetry expressing the lament of Job. A lament is an honest casting of one's cares to God, while never losing faith in the Lord. Job curses the day he was born, but never curses God. Job desires rest from the suffering though death, but he is not suicidal. Job is struggling with misery and fear and is casting his cares before the Lord. Chapter 4 contains the advice of Eliphaz. He contends Job sinned; therefore, he is suffering. <p>Jesus Christ: Eliphaz inadvertently points out the need for a mediator (4:17). Jesus is the One Mediator between God and Man. (1 Timothy 2:5)</p>
Day 3 Job 5-6 Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 5 concludes Eliphaz's first speech. He concludes Job's sufferings are caused by his sin. It is an incorrect evaluation of Job. Chapter 6 is Job's response. He laments the weight of his suffering, he feels weak, and betrayed by his friends. Job insists on his continued faith in God and asks for his sin to be revealed by his friends. <p>Jesus Christ: Paul quotes Job 5:13 in 1 Corinthians 3:19 to show how God uses human wisdom and arrogance to accomplish His purposes. The ultimate example is the cross of Jesus Christ.</p>

Day 4 Job 7-8 <p>Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In chapter 7, Job continues to lament. He expresses his despair over the shortness of life, his physical suffering and lack of sleep. • Job wonders why God spends time focusing on him, and he states his preference for death. Again, he is not turning from God but laying out his heart before the Lord. • In chapter 8, Bildad speaks to Job. He tells him his works are empty and his suffering is because of his sin. Bildad takes the approach of a legalist. A legalist is someone who relies on their own keeping of the law and good works to gain God's favor. <p>Jesus Christ: Christ's teachings directly oppose Bildad's legalism with grace.</p>
Day 5 Job 9-10 <p>Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In chapter 9, Job acknowledges the control of God over all things, but struggles with the possibility of being punished for sin. Job sees the greatness and power of God, and fears the infinite gap between them. • Job longs for a mediator in Job 9:33. • In chapter 10, Job pours out his heart, he is asking God Why? Why is he experiencing misery? Why can't he find peace? Again, he is not leaving his faith in God but he is lamenting. <p>Jesus Christ: Job cries for a mediator, someone to stand between him and the mighty God. Jesus Christ is the perfect mediator for sinful men before a Holy God.</p>
Day 6 Job 11-12 <p>Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about the meaning of the verses in Job.</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In chapter 11, Zophar speaks and rebukes Job. He accuses Job of babble and mockery. He believes Job deserves more punishment. According to Zophar, there is no place for questioning God, or lamenting. • Zophar says Job cannot gain wisdom as much as a wild donkey can become a man. The only answer for Job is to repent of his sin. However, Job has no unconfessed sin. • In chapter 12, Job rebukes his friends. Sarcastically, he mocks their so called wisdom. He points out the sovereignty of God in suffering for the wicked and righteous. <p>Jesus Christ: Job is seeking answers for how to handle his sufferings. Jesus Christ provides the wisdom to guide us through trials (John 16:33).</p>