

“Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God”

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Daily Bible Reading Guide

Week 2: January 9-15

Our reading this week continues in Job. The book of Job is primarily a cycle of speeches as Job and his “friends” seek to deal with the immense suffering Job is experiencing. Some find the reading of Job a bit tedious at times, but if we read with an open heart and mind we will find a treasure of information to help us - not only as we face sufferings ourselves, but as we seek to help others. Let me recommend also that you jot down who is speaking at the beginning of each speech and then try to jot down the main point of their argument. This will help in the understanding of the book and thus help to maintain our interest in the reading.

When the week ends you will have completed the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis (from last week’s reading) as well as the complete book of Job. It is always encouraging to see the speed with which we can accomplish the reading of God’s Word to us if we but work at a steady pace. Don’t get discouraged!

Some questions to consider as you are reading...

January 9 – Job 21-23

- In 21:14 Job notes that the wicked (see verse 7) do not desire to have knowledge of God. What is the reason given for this? (Remember, when a verse begins with “Therefore” we need to be sure and look (at what has been said) and see what it is “there for.”)
- Why is it that Job felt the “comfort” his friends offered was “vain” (21:34)? How can we prepare ourselves as we comfort others so that we will not fall into the same vanity?
- In chapter 22 Eliphaz begins his response to Job. After chastising Job (1-4), he proceeds to give the reasons he thinks of for Job’s “snares” and “sudden fear” (10) – what was his basic charge against Job? (Remember the “therefore” principle again)

- In chapter 22, Eliphaz again makes charges against Job without proof, but what do you think of his solution for ending suffering (21-30)?
- Job responds in chapter 23. As he does, who is it that he laments that he cannot find (1-9)? Why does he want to “come even to his seat”?
- In 23:10, what truth does Job proclaim about God and our situations in this life?
- Job considers the greatness and power of God (23:10-14) and then speaks of His reaction to this (15-16). Do you think many come to this conclusion / reaction in their lives?

Daily Reading Schedule...

- Sunday - January 9***
Job 21-23
- Monday - January 10***
Job 24-28
- Tuesday - January 11***
Job 29-31
- Wednesday - January 12***
Job 32-34
- Thursday - January 13***
Job 35-37
- Friday - January 14***
Job 38-39
- Saturday - January 15***
Job 40-42

January 10 – Job 24-28

- As Job continues his speech in chapter 24 he speaks as to how the wicked prosper. But how is it that he notes their end will be? (24:24)
- When Bildad responds in chapter 25, after extolling the greatness of God, how does he express the utter helplessness of God before him?

- When Job responds to Bildad in chapter 26, what does he challenge him to consider if indeed man is so helpless (2-3)?
- In chapter 27, as Job continues his response, what does he point to as the tragedy facing the hypocrite (8-23)? (cf. Matthew 16:26)
- As Job continues his speech in chapter 28, he notes the inability of man (though he can accomplish much) to gain understanding of many things (including his suffering) (12). Where does the thought, say that true wisdom and understanding is (28:28)?

January 11 – Job 29-31

- In chapter 29, Job makes a proclamation of his righteous life and the blessings he enjoyed, but to whom does he credit such? (2-4)
- In chapter 30, how is it that Job says those with whom he would not interact in his life now reacted toward him? (9-10)
- While Job had been charged by his “friends” with various improprieties, how is it that Job tried to convince them that he had not even looked upon a maid? (31:1)
- As Job concludes his speech in Chapter 31, he lists many things of which he is not guilty. How many of these can be found in the realm of things of the world as given in 1 John 2:15-17?

January 12 – Job 32-34

- Why was Elihu’s wrath kindled against the “friends” of Job? (32:3-7)
- In chapter 33, Elihu continues his erroneous ideas of why Job was suffering, but like the others, he gets some things right. For example, to whom does he attribute his being? (4)
- Also in chapter 33, how does Elihu say God will respond to man’s admission of sin? (27-28)
- In chapter 34, how does Elihu describe God? (10-12, 19)

January 13 – Job 35-37

- Sometimes man thinks that God needs our righteousness. How does Elihu address this idea in 35:7? (Cf. Luke 17:10)
- In 36:3 Elihu ascribes his ability to address the situation to God, but amazingly what does he claim for himself in the very next verse?
- Throughout chapters 36-37 Elihu speaks of attributes of God which causes his heart to tremble (37:1). How many things can you find?

January 14 – Job 38-39

- In chapters 38 through 41 Job gets his wish... “the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind.” How would you describe the argument which God makes that ought to cause Job (and us) to realize we cannot demand things of God?

January 15 – Job 40-42

- In chapter 40, as God is describing the things of the creation which ought to cause Job to be humbled, what does He describe in 40:15-24?
- What is it that He describes to Job in 41:1?
- What ownership does God claim in chapter 41?
- How does Job respond to God’s grandeur in 42:1-6?
- What does God command Job’s “friends” in 42:7-8? Why are they to do this and why is Job to pray for them?
- What happened to Job? (42:10-17)