

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 8-10

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 11

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Job 4-7** has been helpful to you?
2. Pray and ask the Lord to teach you something new as you get ready to study **Job 8-10**, the dialogue Job had with his second friend, Bildad (and with God).
3. a) From **Job 8:1-7**, what did Bildad assume was the cause of the trials experienced by Job and his family? How would that have added salt to Job's wounds?

b) Consider Bildad's question in **V3**, "does God pervert justice?" What do you discover about God's justice as you search these Scriptures?

Psalms 9:15-16 _____

Psalms 33:5 _____

Isaiah 28:17 _____

Romans 9:14 _____

4. In **8:8-10**, where does Bildad direct Job for instruction?
5. From **8:11-19**, how do these three images from the natural world reflect the weakness of a life lived without God?
6. Evaluate and comment on Bildad's theology presented in **8:20**. Is it accurate, an oversimplification, or misapplied to Job?

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7. a) In **9:1-13**, what aspects of God does Job acknowledge?

b) From these verses, what is Job saying in his defense to Bildad?

8. a) From **9:14-31**, what words do you find that are indicative of a courtroom setting or a legal battle?

b) Hear Job's words and the depth of his suffering. Describe what he is feeling in relation to God.

9. a) How does Job picture the chasm that exists between him and God, and who does he propose might bridge that chasm from **9:32-35**?

b) Define the word mediator. What role could a mediator play in this dispute?

c) Read **1 Timothy 2:5-6**. How was Job's desire for a mediator later fulfilled?

d) If you (or someone you know) have not accepted The Mediator provided by God, what is the biggest obstacle?

10. Job openly complains to God and questions Him in **10:1-7**. What complaints or questions have you voiced to God lately (for yourself or others), and why?

11. a) How does Job picture God's creative handiwork in **10:8-12**?

b) What is the apparent contradiction Job sees in these verses?

12. Put in your own words what Job was saying in **10:13-17**.

13. a) According to **10:18-22**, what does Job wish for and want?

b) What was Job's view of eternity in these verses, and how does this differ from his earlier view in **Job 3:11-13**?

c) What is your view of eternity, and which Scripture supports your view?

14. "**It's a job to be Job**" as he plummets deeper into bitterness and despair. Rather than putting on an outward smile (**9:27**), he seems to have a temper tantrum with God. Do you think it was healthy for Job to verbalize his anger? Why or why not?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job knew he needed a mediator between him and God (**9:33-35**).

a) What do these verses say about Jesus as that mediator?

Job 16:19-21 _____

Psalms 119:154 _____

Romans 8:33-34 _____

Hebrews 7:24-25 _____

1 John 2:1 _____

b) Which of these verses was your favorite and why?

2. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verses: **1 Timothy 2:5-6a**

b) Form a prayer based on those verses or any part of this Lesson.

