

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 11-14

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

LESSON 12

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Job 8-10** has been helpful to you?
 2. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal His thoughts and ways as you get ready to study **Job 11-14**, Zophar's conversation with Job.
 3. a) From **Job 11:1-4**, discuss whether you think Zophar's characterization of what Job had said thus far was accurate or not?

b) What did Zophar wish for Job in **11:5-6**, and do you think that is the sentiment of a true friend?
 4. a) What were some of the Divine qualities spoken of in **11:7-9**?

b) In the light of **1 Corinthians 13:2**, how would you assess Zophar's words to Job?
 5. a) From **11:10-12**, what was Zophar's opinion of Job?

b) Summarize Zophar's advice to Job in **11:13-20**. What assumptions about Job are reflected in his advice?
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6. What was Job's tune, and what did he say about his friends and himself in **Job 12:1-6**?
 7. a) From **12:7-10**, what does all of creation know?

b) How does **Colossians 1:16-17** expand on the truth expressed in **Job 12:10**?

8. a) Read **12:11-25** and find one or two verses that catch your attention, and tell why.

b) Job refutes Zophar's accusations by speaking knowingly of God's wisdom and power.

List the different types of the leaders of earth over whom God exerts control:

V17_____

V18_____

V19_____

V20_____

V21_____

V23-24_____

9. a) What phrases or verses in **Job 13:1-5** indicate Job's level of frustration and/or disagreement with the counsel of his friends?

b) As you read **13:6-12**, which of Job's questions did you find to be most profound? Explain.

10. Put in your own words the great declaration Job made in **13:15**.

11. a) What did Job ask the Lord for in **13:20-28**?

b) In these verses, where do you see Job processing the possibility that his sins have caused his suffering (as his friends have assumed)?

12. In **Chapter 14**, Job bemoans the human condition. From **V1-6**, how does he view the predicament of man?

13. a) What does Job see as the hope for a tree according to **14:7-12**, and contrast this with the hopelessness he sees for man?

b) How does Job's concept of the afterlife add to his sense of hopelessness?

c) What is the Christian's view of the afterlife from **1 Corinthians 15:50-55**?

14. a) In **14:14-17**, what was Job seeking from God?

b) What must Job have understood about himself and about God? See **Psalm 32:1-2, 5**.

c) Reflect on the forgiveness of sins purchased for you by Jesus. What hope does that give you?

15. Read **13:15a** with **14:14-15**. Although it was “**a job to be Job**” and vacillate between hope and hopelessness, his ultimate hope was in a future resurrection.

a) In what situation do you need to remember your ultimate hope?

b) How does **1 Peter 1:3-4** help clarify that ultimate hope?

DIGGING DEEPER

Job had a thread of hope amid his wrestle with despair in this Lesson.

1. How does **Proverbs 13:12a** tie into Job's journey?

2. Find some synonyms for the word “hope,” using a thesaurus.

3. Open the Word of God and discover the true hope it offers in these verses:

Psalm 119:114 _____

Romans 15:13 _____

Hebrews 6:19 _____

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 13:15a**.

b) Form a prayer based on this Lesson.

