

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 15-21

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

LESSON 14

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Psalm 73** has been helpful to you?

2. Job and his friends engage in a second round of conversation. It's getting more difficult for Job as the tension escalates. Pray and ask God to teach you what He wants you to learn from **Job 15-21**.

3. a) From **15:1-16**, what is the overall tone and attitude of Eliphaz (include several phrases that support your answer)?

b) What are the implied sins and consequences that await Job according to Eliphaz in **15:17-35**?

4. a) In **16:1-5**, how did Job describe his friends?

b) From **16:6-14**, What are some of the verbs Job used to describe God's actions, and how he felt God had treated him??

5. a) Read **16:15-22**, what did Job say in his own defense (**V17**)?

b) What was Job's answer to his distress, and how does **1 John 2:1** confirm this?

6. a) In **Chapter 17**, what verses express the depth of Job's feelings of hopelessness?

b) When have you experienced similar feelings, and what brought you comfort?

7. a) What is most sobering about the destiny of the wicked from Bildad's rant in **Job 18**?

b) How could Bildad possibly think his rant would be helpful to his friend, Job?

8. a) What is Job's latest assessment of his friends in **19:1-6, 21-22**?

b) What were some key phrases Job said about how he felt like an "enemy of God?"

19:7-12

19:13-20

9. From **19:23-29**, what was proclaimed by Job about the following subjects?

His words:

His redeemer:

His friends:

10. What do you learn about Jesus as our Redeemer today?

Galatians 3:14_____

Titus 2:13-14_____

1 Peter 1:18-19_____

11. a) How could you live differently knowing that your Redeemer lives and that one day you will see Him?

b) How could you live differently in a current challenge you face, knowing His redeeming power is for today?

12. In **Chapter 20**, Zophar dug in and took aim at Job. What was the underlying message in his response?

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13. a) Job responded in **Chapter 21**. From **V1-5** and **34**, what did Job ask of or say to his friends?
- b) From **V6-33**, how did Job see the wicked prosper, and how did this conflict with his friends' view?
14. What did Job ponder in **V22**? How does that connect with Paul's doxology in **Romans 11:33-34**?
15. Clearly it was a "**job to be Job**" with "miserable comforters as his friends."
- a) In the heat of that disappointment, what does Job realize about another friend in **16:19-21**?
- b) Earthly friends may fail, but Jesus is the Friend who never fails. How have you experienced that to be true in your life?
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DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Job 17:13-15**. As he faces the prospect of death, Job asks "where then is my hope – who can see any hope for me?" Let these verses shine the light of Scripture onto Job's question.
- Psalms 116:15** _____
- Isaiah 51:6** _____
- John 14:1-4** _____
- Romans 8:10-11** _____
- Philippians 1:21** _____
2. What great truths about hope beyond the grave would Job have seen in **1 Corinthians 15:51-55**?
3. What do you learn about those who have died in Christ from **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**, and how could you encourage a "Job" with these words of wisdom?
4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 19:25**
- b) Form a prayer from any part of this Lesson.

