

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 42:1-6

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

LESSON 24

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of the **Job 40:6 – 41:34** was helpful to you?
2. Pray to the Lord and say something like, "Lord, if you were here with me (and You are), what would You want me to learn from these six powerful verses as I begin to read **Job 42:1-6**?"
3. In **Chapters 38-41**, God asked Job a series of soul-searching questions. In your own words, restate God's questions to Job in the following verses:

Job 38:4 _____

Job 40:2 _____

Job 40:8 _____

Job 41:11a _____

4. a) As Job began to respond to God's questions, what attributes of God did he identify in **42:2**?
- b) Re-read **V2**. For what world or national event or personal circumstance will you cling to the truth of this verse?
5. In **42:3a**, Job repeats God's first question to him. What, in essence, was God communicating to Job?
6. In **42:3b**, Job confessed he didn't know as much about God and His ways as he thought he did.
 - a) How has this study of Job grown or changed your understanding of God and His ways?
 - b) In what ongoing difficult situation have you (or should you) make a similar confession as Job?

7. In **V3**, Job referred to “things too wonderful” for him to fully grasp.

a) Recall from **Chapters 38-41** some of the wonderful things Job might be referring to.

b) What do the following verses say about other wonderful things?

Psalms 119:18 _____

Psalms 139:1-6 _____

8. In **42:4**, Job again repeated what God had said to him about listening to God. What can you do to put yourself in a position to hear God speak to you?

9. Read **42:5**. Job finally got what he wanted...to see God.

a) **Genesis 16** is the story of the first person in Scripture to see God. What warms your heart from that account?

b) How was Hagar changed by her firsthand encounter with God? (Look especially at **16:9,15**)

10. In **V5**, Job recounted a momentous shift in his relationship with God, from just hearing about God secondhand to having a firsthand encounter with God Himself. Think of a time when you had some version of this with God.

11. Before God spoke to Job, how did Job view himself? Refer back to **31:6**.

12. a) In **42:6**, Job's encounter with God transformed his view of himself. What was his new view of himself, and how did he respond?

b) Has God ever opened your eyes to your own sin (in action or attitude)? How did you respond?

13. Re-read **42:6**. Job experienced a true humility and repentance. Explain what you learned about repentance in:

- **Luke 5:31-32**
- **Acts 26:20b**
- **Romans 2:4**
- **2 Corinthians 7:10**

14. a) After seeing God, it was **a job to be Job** and humbly see himself for who he was. When we truly see Jesus and humbly repent, how does Scripture teach us to see ourselves?

2 Corinthians 5:17 _____

Ephesians 4:23-24 _____

Colossians 1:27b _____

1 John 3:1 _____

b) Which of these verses did you need to hear the most and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. When Job said, "no purpose of Yours can be thwarted," Job recognized God's utter sovereignty. What does **Psalms 22:28** say about our Sovereign God's relationship to earthly rulers?

2. What does **1 Chronicles 29:12** say about our Sovereign God's impact on an individual life?

3. What do these verses say about our Sovereign God's strength?

Deuteronomy 3:24 _____

Jeremiah 32:17 _____

4. Think of a big problem you are facing. Which of these verses gives you comfort in the midst of your circumstances and why?

5. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 42:2**

b) Form a prayer from this Lesson.

