

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 42:7-17

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

LESSON 25

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Job 42:1-6** was helpful to you?

2. We've come to the epilogue of Job. Pray and ask God to give you a humble heart and to teach you what He wants you to learn as you get ready to read **Job 42:7-17**.
3. a) In **42:7-8**, with whom was God angry, and why?

b) In what ways did these friends not speak the truth about God?

4. a) What instructions did God give to Job and to his three friends?

b) What mixture of emotions might Job have had at this point?

5. Can you think of a time when God called you to pray for someone who wronged you? Explain.

6. In **V9**, the three friends offered costly sacrifices and had Job pray over them.
 - a) What about this scene would have been humbling?

 - b) When God calls you out on your sin, how easy is it for you to humbly respond (maybe even to "sacrifice" something, including your ego publicly)?

7. a) In this part of Job's story, we witnessed forgiveness leading to restoration. What Bible verse on forgiveness or reconciliation is your favorite or 'go to'?

b) What does the Bible say about our forgiving others in relation to God forgiving us?

c) Is there someone you need to forgive for wronging you? What has hindered you from doing so?

8. Read **42:10-12**. Do you believe Job's next wave of wealth was attached to his forgiving and praying over his friends? Why or why not?

9. a) **V11** tells us Job's family came to comfort him after the fact. When someone in the body is hurting, how easy is it for you to remember them throughout their entire struggle?

b) Share of a time in your life where you felt you were comforted throughout the entirety of a difficult trial? How would (or did) that encourage you to interact differently with those who are hurting?

10. We see in **V12** how much God blessed Job in the "latter part" of life. What are the ways God has blessed you either in your later years or after you've come out of a fierce time of testing?

11. Read **42:13-15**. What details did you find most interesting about his children?

12. Given it went against the cultural norm, why do you think Job included an inheritance for his daughters (**V15**)?

13. a) What further blessings did Job experience in **42:16-17**?

b) Job died old and "full of years" with more than he had before he went through his trials. What hope does this give you as you move through your own trial?

14. God's final words about Job are found in **James 5:10-11**. What strikes you in this commentary from God?

15. In this final chapter we saw it was a worthwhile **job to be Job**.

a) Re-read **Job 1:8-11**. Given satan's goal was to discredit Job, what amazes you about the outcome...

- Regarding Job?

- Regarding God?

b) One of our themes this year was friendship. What was your biggest 'take home' about being a friend from:

- **Job 42:7-11**?

- Entire book of **Job**?

DIGGING DEEPER

From this lesson, we learned how important it is to God that we pray for people who have wronged us.

1. What do the following verses teach us about praying for or interacting with our "enemies"?

Matthew 5:43-45a_____

Luke 6:35_____

Romans 12:17-21_____

James 5:16_____

2. Job and his friends learned a lot about forgiveness and reconciliation in their friendship. So did we! Given that we and our friends are both sinners and will fail each other, what does Jesus teach us in:

- **Matthew 5:23-24**?

- **Matthew 18:15-17**?

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **James 5:11**

b) Form a prayer for those who have wronged you and for those you have wronged.

