

Job Chapter Content

Outline	Ch	Chapter Summary
1. Conversation between God and Satan.	1	<i>Job has a high life position in walk with God, possessions, and quality of life. Satan asks God for permission to destroy him. Job maintains his integrity after all his possessions and children are taken from him.</i>
	2	<i>Satan asks permission to take away Job's health. God grants permission and Job suffers through intense physical trial. His wife asks him to curse God and his friends gather.</i>
2. Conversation between Job and his friends – Friends: “Job you are wicked, repent!” / Job: “I don't have any sin between me and God, but I'm miserable and feel like I should be able to answer to God or have a Mediator do so for me.”	3	<i>Job curses his life and existence.</i>
	4	<i>Eliphaz answers Job's cursing – Everyone reaps what they sow; you are reaping wickedness, so you must have sown evil. After all, no one is able to be perfect before God.</i>
	5	<i>Eliphaz continues by stating that Job should cry out to God for mercy. He probably won't give mercy because of your sin, but you never know, God is very merciful.</i>
	6	<i>Job answers Eliphaz. He mentions how difficult his life has become. God has struck him so hard that he wishes God would take his life. He asks his friends to be a comfort rather than just heaping insult upon him. He wants an oasis in his friends and finds none. He asks them not to accuse him anymore.</i>
	7	<i>Job continues – His life is miserable all day and dreams terrorize him at night. He wishes his very quick life would fade away.</i>
	8	<i>Bildad responds to Job – Job, your words are as empty as the wind. You are getting what you deserve. Your children were wicked and got what they deserved.</i>
	9	<i>Job responds by stating that God is always right and man is always wrong. He realizes that there is no way that he can appear before God but he longs for a Mediator to bring Him before God and represent Him.</i>
	10	<i>Job continues by lifting up full complaint to all his difficulties. “If I could appear before God, this is what I would complain about. If you knew I would suffer such, then why did you let me be born in the first place?”</i>
	11	<i>Zophar responds to Job. He too wishes God would speak in order to tell Job how wicked he is. He tells Job to stop babbling on and repent from his sin and return to God.</i>
	12	<i>Job responds to Zophar stating that they are not as wise as they think. He knows the principles that they are stating. He knows that God is all powerful and all wisdom stems from Him.</i>
	13	<i>Job continues – If you were doctors, you would be worthless quacks! God is amazing, yes. You should stop finding fault with me. Leave that to God and be silent. I am going to bring my case before God. Perhaps I should not and He will kill me. But that is ok, He knows I am innocent.</i>
	14	<i>Job continues – Life is frail and full of trouble!</i>
	15	<i>Eliphaz responds – You are a windbag and you are evil. Who are you to try to think you are right before God? No one is sinless. The wicked will go to a speedy end (and you are one of those wicked).</i>
	16	<i>Job responds – You guys are full of hot air. Why do you keep saying the same thing? God has destroyed me and must hate me. Everyone laughs at me. Interspersed with prayers)</i>
	17	<i>Job continues – “God, please come to my defense. I have no hope.” He does not want to hear from his friends any longer or at least not until they find a new argument.</i>
	18	<i>Bildad responds – Same argument. “Job, we are not stupid. The wicked will suffer disease, loss of property and loss of children. (You are wicked.)”</i>
	19	<i>Job responds again – “You are torturing me with your judgment. I maintain my cause before God. He is against me and you should be comforting me, not condemning me.” Job reaffirms that he has a Redeemer who will be his mediator.</i>
	20	<i>Zophar replies again – He speaks again the same message – those who are evil will be destroyed, even if they have a short period of prosperity. “May God give them a belly-full of trouble!”</i>

	21	<i>Job responds again</i> – Job asks them to listen carefully. He sees that God allows the wicked all around him to prosper. Why would God allow this? He can't say, and he feels he should not question God's justice.
	22	<i>Job continues</i> – I can't fault God. I know that all good things come from Him. I am not going to think evil of God.
	23	<i>Job continues</i> – I wish I could bring my case to God! I have much to complain about. I could bring my case to His court. I can't find Him. But I know when He is done with my trial I will be like gold.
	24	<i>Job continues</i> – Job highlights the wicked of the wicked. "Why can't God judge the wicked instead of me?"
	25	Bildad answer – Bildad claims God's justice and greatness. We are all worms.
	26	<i>Job answers</i> – Job speaks in sarcasm and loses his patience with his friends. He agrees with their assessment of God, but wants to be vindicated.
	27	<i>Job continues</i> – Job continues to maintain his purity before God and his clear conscience.
	28	<i>Job continues</i> – God knows the way of wisdom. Treasures can be searched and found. But God's wisdom is more valuable.
	29	<i>Job continues</i> - Job remembers his days in the past when he knew God's favor and was respected by others. He was honored by all.
	30	<i>Job continues</i> – In contrast now Job remembers how despised and mocked he is. Even the outcasts hate him.
	31	<i>Job continues</i> – In this chapter, Job goes through a checklist of the heart to show how he is not harboring iniquity in any way. Pure eyes (no lust vv. 1-4); pure tongue (no lying, v. 5); pure feet (walking in the right path, v. 7); pure heart (No coveting, vv. 6-8); pure body (no adultery; v. 9-12); pure hands (no injustice to those below him, vv. 13-22); pure heart (no pride or trust in money (vv. 24-26); pure heart (no idolatry, vv. 26-28); pure tongue (no cursing, vv. 29-32)
	32	<i>Elihu responds</i> – After the other three friends are silent (because he was the youngest). In chapter 32, he precedes his speaking with saying he is upset and had to say something. "I have waited long enough!"
	33	<i>Elihu continues</i> - His message is not so much that Job is wicked, but that God is great. Chapter 33 – no one is without sin.
	34	<i>Elihu continues</i> – You cannot say that God has done wrong. "God doesn't sin!" God sees all that we do and knows that we are all sinful.
	35	<i>Elihu continues</i> – "Job, you speak nonsense." God is great and does not benefit if we do or do not sin. Don't question God.
	36	<i>Elihu continues</i> – Elihu continues to defend God's character. He does not do anything wrong. He also continues to implore Job to stop sinning and go back to God.
	37	<i>Elihu finishes</i> – God is great. Consider the great miracles and power of God! We cannot imagine how great He is.
3. Conversation between God and Job. God shares with Job how great He is and how He is in control. Job responds in faith and apologizes for doubting.	38	<i>God answers Job</i> – In the chapters that follow, God answers Job from the whirlwind showing that he does not know as much as he thought. In this chapter, God asks questions about Geology. You will find 28 question marks in the English translation. God asks if he was there when He created the world. Does he know where wind, oceans, light, rain, universal laws come from?
	39	<i>God's answer continues</i> – God asks Job questions about biology, or perhaps more closely zoology. 28 question marks in the English ask questions about animals God speaks of goats, deer, oxen, ostriches, and then spends 12 verses talking about the might of the horse.
	40	<i>God's answer continues</i> - God asks Job if he would like to continue the discourse of all that God knows which Job does not know. Job states he is ready to be quiet and let God be God. God responds with more questions demonstrating His greatness. He highlights the animal Behemoth.
	41	<i>God's answer continues</i> – God gives a description of Leviathan, a dragon like animal that has become extinct. Job is left silent by God's creative power and ability.
	42	<i>Job answers God</i> and says he should never have doubted God. God restores Job's earlier wealth and prosperity double. HE also asks Job to pray for his wicked friends who did not support him in his trial.

Message of Job – God works all things to His glory and our good through the power of His Mediator.

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- Introduction to Job

- Summary of Job

- Outline of Job

I. Conversation between God and Satan about Job (1-2).

II. Conversation between Job and his friends about his trouble (3-37).

III. Conversation between God and Job about his trouble (38-42).

- Themes in Job

- Suffering/Trouble/Evil
- Sin/Obedience
- Court/Justice/
- God's Greatness and Glory (Power/Justice/Goodness)

- Summary Message of Job

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- Answers to the Problem of Evil from Job

1. The Author's Perspective: Satan Instigates Evil. is the instigator of evil (Job 1-2:10).

2. The Friend's Perspective: Sin is a possible cause (Job 2:11 - 31:40).

3. Tragedy can bring great personal good (Job's Perspective - Job 23:10).

4. Elihu And God's Perspective: God is great (32-41).

5. Suffering is temporary (42).