

Session 15: Job

Video:

- Overview: Job (The Bible Project)

Recommended Readings from the ESV Study Bible:

- Introduction to Job (pp. 869-873)

Handout from The Bible Project:

- Job Overview Poster

Handouts from Dr. Parke:

- Book of Job - Slides from Dr. Parke's Teaching

Handouts from ESV Study Bible:

- Outline of Job

JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS



JOB

CYCLE 1
CHAPTERS 13-14

CYCLE 2
CHAPTERS 15-21

CYCLE 3
CHAPTERS 22-28

FOCUS OF DEBATE

- 1 IS GOD **JUST**?
- 2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLE OF **JUSTICE**?
- 3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

BIG ASSUMPTION

WORLDWIDE ACTION	GOD'S JUSTICE
WISE & GOOD EVIL & STUPID	SUCCESS & REWARD DEFEAT & PUNISHMENT

3-37

JOB'S T... EMOTIONAL

1-2

JOB

- CLAMOROUS
- RIGHTEOUS
- HONORS GOD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE BLASPHEMIES YOU'RE MAKING, JOB?

JOB IS ONLY RIGHTHEARTED BECAUSE YOU TOLD HIM, BUT HE'LL SPEAK, AND HE'LL KNOW YOU'RE IN IT.

THE SATAN

3-28

JOB

ARGUMENT: I'M INNOCENT!

IMPLICATION: MY SUFFERING IS NOT DIVINE JUSTICE

CONCLUSION A: GOD DOESN'T RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

OR

CONCLUSION B: GOD IS UNJUST

JOB IS RIGHT

"WHY HAS HE MADE ME THIS?"

"GOD ATTACKS ME, TEARS ME AND GRINDS HIS TEETH AGAINST ME."

"HE DESTROYED THE WORK OF MY HANDS."

THEY-TAKEN TO (HEAVEN) ACCOUNT, PROPHETIC

WHY? BUT: I.E. REVEALS THE DEEP, GUILT ANXIETY WHY GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING. IT DOESN'T...

THE REAL QUESTIONS: IS GOD JUST? DOES HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?

THE FRIENDS

ARGUMENT: GOD IS JUST

IMPLICATION: GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

CONCLUSION: JOB "MUST HAVE" SINNED

SEE JOB 22

"WHAT HOPE DO THE GENTILES HAVE? GOD TAKES AWAY THEIR HOPE."

JOB'S CURSE: CURSE GOD AND DIE!

ELIPHAZ: ELIPHAZ THE TIARE

BUZAI: BUZAI THE TIARE

TOBIAS: TOBIAS THE TIARE

JOB

ASHES

PROLOGUE

32-37

ELIHU

ARGUMENT: GOD IS JUST

IMPLICATION: GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

CONCLUSION: SUFFERING MAY BE A WARNING TO AVOID FUTURE SIN BECAUSE IT BUILDS CHARACTER

BTW: DON'T ACCUSE GOD, NAH!

JOB'S SLA...

- ASSERTS
- DEMANDS

JOB

JOB & THE FRIENDS

JOB

TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE



- SET IN "UZ" FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

INTENTIONAL!

The Point

THE AUTHOR WANTS US TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY JOB'S SUFFERING

PROTEST

KOLLEKOSTER

GOD DENIED ME JUSTICE AND MY LIFE OUTRAGED? 27:2

UP IN ANGER, I ME. 16:9



RAVES THE BLAMELESS AND JEALOUS, HE MOCKS THE DESTINY OF THE INNOCENT? 9:22-23

WHY HAVE I GOTTEN LIFE? 27:8



LAST STATEMENT

29-31

INNOCENCE
EXPLANATION FROM GOD



I SIGN MY DEFENSE, LET THE ALMIGHTY ANSWER ME! (31:35)

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE

38-41



10:1: JOB: EVIL, INJUSTICE, MURDER, LIES

10:1: IT'S COMPLEX, HINT IT?

10:1: GOD

10:1: BEHEMOTH (10:1-11)

10:1: LEVIATHAN (10:1-11)

10:1: SHE ISHAIH 27:1 & PSALMS 79:13-14

10:1: SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER

10:1: GOD ORDERED BEAUTIFUL

10:1: GOD'S WORLD

10:1: NOT PERFECT WILD DANGEROUS

QUESTION	RESPONSE
WHY IS THERE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?	WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUFFERING

10:1: JOB: YOU ARE UNWIS! I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!

10:1: GOD: YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THAT CLAIM. I INVITE YOU TO TRUST MY WORD.

GOD'S RESPONSE

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12a: I RETRACT & I REPENT!

12a: JOB HAS SPOKEN RIGHTLY ABOUT ME

12a: YOU THREE SPOKE AWRAUGHT ABOUT ME

12a: GOD

12a: JOB

12a: GOD HONORS: JOB'S STRUGGLE, JOB'S HONESTY, JOB'S PRAYER

12b: JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

12b: JOB: 14K, 6K, 1K, 1K

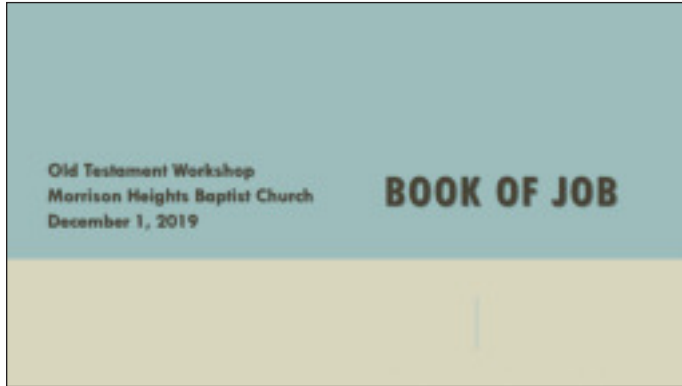
EPILOGUE

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Book of Job

Slides from Dr. Parke's Teachings

SLIDE 1



SLIDE 2

WISDOM LITERATURE

KIND	FOCUS	EXAMPLES
Practical Wisdom	RULE of LIFE	Proverbs
Speculative Wisdom	EXCEPTIONS to the RULE	Job Ecclesiastes

Rule of Life: "No harm befalls the righteous, but the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble." (Pr. 12:21)

Exceptions

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why do the wicked prosper?

SEE Job and Ecclesiastes.

SLIDE 3

BOOK OF JOB: GENRE

According to Old Testament scholars, WHAT is the Book of Job?

Parody

Bi-Polar Mashal

Epic

Legal Disputation

Dramatized Lament

Comedy

Drama

Epic-Drama

Pastorized Talk-Show

Satire

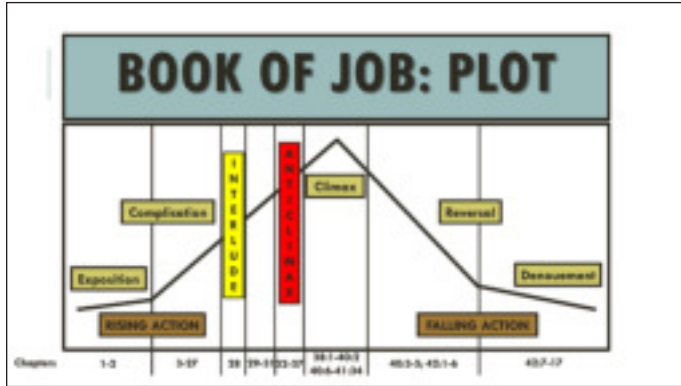
Tragedy

Theo-Novella

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SLIDE 8

BOOK OF JOB: THE DEBATE



Deuteronomic Theology popularized a causal link between behavior and consequences.

- ⊕ Righteousness —→ BLESSINGS
- ⊗ Wickedness —→ CURSES

Proponents and opponents eventually clashed. Israel's wisdom movement would be the forum. *Proverbs* espouses Deuteronomic Theology. *Job* and *Ecclesiastes* dissent loudly.

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BOOK OF JOB: THE DEBATE

In ETERNITY, unlike on EARTH (imperfect world), Deuteronomic Theology always applies, without qualification.

On EARTH, therefore, Jesus twice cautioned the theologically overconfident.

- ⊕ Luke 13:2-5
- ⊗ John 9:1-5

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

CAUTION

Outline of Job

From the ESV Study Bible

- I. Prologue: Job's Character and the Circumstances of His Test (1:1–2:13)
 - A. The integrity of Job (1:1–5)
 - B. The first test (1:6–22)
 - 1. The challenge in heaven (1:6–12)
 - 2. The loss of family and possessions (1:13–19)
 - 3. Job's confession and confidence (1:20–22)
 - 3. The second test (2:1–10)
 - 1. The challenge in heaven (2:1–6)
 - 2. Job's affliction and confession (2:7–10)
 - 4. Job's comforters (2:11–13)
- II. Dialogue: Job, His Suffering, and His Standing before God (3:1–42:6)
 - A. Job: despair for the day of his birth (3:1–26)
 - 1. Introduction (3:1–2)
 - 2. Job curses his birth (3:3–10)
 - 3. Job longs for rest (3:11–19)
 - 4. Job laments his suffering (3:20–26)
 - B. The friends and Job: can Job be right before God? (4:1–25:6)
 - 1. First cycle (4:1–14:22)
 - a. Eliphaz: can mortal man be in the right before God? (4:1–5:27)
 - b. Job: life is futile (6:1–7:21)
 - c. Bildad: the wisdom of the sages (8:1–22)
 - d. Job: how can a mortal be just before God? (9:1–10:22)
 - e. Zophar: repent (11:1–20)
 - f. Job: a challenge to the "wisdom" of his friends (12:1–14:22)
 - 2. Second cycle (15:1–21:34)
 - a. Eliphaz: Job's words condemn him (15:1–35)
 - b. Job: hope for a sufferer (16:1–17:16)
 - c. Bildad: punishment for the wicked (18:1–21)
 - d. Job: my Redeemer lives (19:1–29)
 - e. Zophar: the wicked will die (20:1–29)
 - f. Job: the wicked prosper (21:1–34)

3. Third cycle (22:1–25:6)
 - a. Eliphaz: Job is guilty (22:1–30)
 - b. Job: God is hidden (23:1–24:25)
 - c. Bildad: an unanswered question (25:1–6)
 - C. Job: the power of God, place of wisdom, and path of integrity (26:1–31:40)
 1. The mystery and majesty of God's ways (26:1–14)
 2. A claim to integrity and a wish for vindication (27:1–23)
 3. Where is wisdom found? (28:1–28)
 4. The path of Job's life (29:1–31:40)
 - D. Elihu: suffering as a discipline (32:1–37:24)
 1. Introduction: Elihu and his anger (32:1–5)
 2. The voice of youth (32:6–22)
 3. An arbiter for Job (33:1–33)
 4. An appeal to the wise (34:1–37)
 5. What right does Job have before God? (35:1–16)
 6. The mercy and majesty of God (36:1–37:24)
 - E. Challenge: the Lord answers Job (38:1–42:6)
 1. The first challenge: understanding the universe (38:1–40:2)
 2. Job's response: silence (40:3–5)
 3. The second challenge: understanding justice and power (40:6–41:34)
 4. Job's response: submission (42:1–6)
- III. Epilogue: The Vindication, Intercession, and Restoration of Job (42:7–17)
- A. The Lord rebukes the three friends (42:7–9)
 - B. The Lord restores Job (42:10–17)