

Studies in Job

Introducing Righteous Job (1:1-5)

Why Study Job?

1. Job is for those who live real life, experience real suffering and have real questions and proud triumphalists.
2. Job forces us to deal with life realistically and painfully disabusing us of bad theology and triumphalism!

Note on Job's friends: They held to the prosperity gospel, or "retribution theology."

3. Job does not give us answers to the problem of evil and suffering, it gives us an anchor.
4. Job gives us a perspective on God that is the anchor for our faith.
5. Job gives us a model of endurance in suffering.
James 5:11
6. Job gives us insight into the question, "Why serve God?"
7. Job models growth in wisdom and grace.
8. Jesus Christ is the ultimate Righteous Sufferer, and Job, read against the backdrop of Christ and the Gospel, keeps our suffering in perspective.

Authorship and Date

Outline

- I. Prologue: Job in Primary School (1:1-2:13)
- II. Dialogues: Job a sophomore in College (3:1-31:40)

Speech Cycles in Job

First Cycle	Second Cycle	Third Cycle
Eliphaz (4-5)	Eliphaz (15)	Eliphaz (22)
Job (6-7)	Job (16-17)	Job (23-24)
Bildad (8)	Bildad (18)	Bildad (25)
Job (9-10)	Job (19)	Job (26:1-27:12)
Zophar (11)	Zophar (20)	Zophar (27:18-23)
Job (12-14)	Job (21)	(Job 28-31)

- III. Elihu's Speech (32-37)
- IV. I AM'S Speeches: Job in Graduate School (38:1-42:6)

Approaching Job

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- I. Job's Character (1:1)
- II. Job's Family (1:2)
- III. Job's Wealth (1:3)
- IV. Job as a godly father (1:4-5)