

## COMMENTARY

### BOOK OF JOB:

#### Chapter 34:

Elihu mentions that Job has said that God is in the wrong (vs. 5,6) and that there is nothing to be gained by serving Him (vs. 9). Elihu reminds Job that God is the judge of all men, supreme, just and impartial (vs. 10-30). Job has sinned against God by being resentful and rebellious toward God (vs. 36,37).

#### Chapter 35:

Elihu feels that good and bad conduct is just between the individuals involved and doesn't concern God (vs. 8). He feels that God is too great to be bothered by such things. People only pray because of their wants and not because of love or concern for God (vs. 10-12). Elihu is convinced that this is why God doesn't answer (vs. 13).

#### Chapter 36:

Elihu continues describing God. He is almighty, all-wise and a teacher who uses suffering to teach men to listen and learn from their mistakes (vs. 8-10). Elihu tells Job not to long for death but to learn from his supposed mistake (vs.22).

#### Chapter 37:

Elihu explains that God is great because of His power and ability to command the weather. Man, in comparison, is nothing and is right to fear Him (vs. 24). Elihu says that God does not pay attention to those who become proud, such as Job.

#### Chapter 38, 39

God breaks in now that Elihu has concluded that God will not answer Job. God now puts questions to Job, who begins to see his opinion of himself dwindling and his concept of God expanding. He realizes that God does hear and care.

God asks Job where he was when the heavens and earth were created. God shows that He is much greater because He is the creator of all life.

#### Chapters 40,41

God shows that Job is no equal with God and has no place to question God's justice. He shows in creation, how man cannot control the Behemoth (hippopotamus) and the Leviathan (crocodile). Their strength and untameability causes man to be utterly powerless to control them. If they cannot control that which God has made, how can man claim equality with God?

#### Chapter 42:

Job now realizes that he was in over his head, when he began trying to figure the ways of God. He has now seen and heard God for himself and can base his concept of God, by what he has heard. Even though his questions remain unanswered, he is now willing to accept God's will. He worships God and sees everything in perspective.

God has taken Job to task for his reaction to suffering, but Job's integrity remains intact. Job's friends were in the wrong for misrepresenting God and had to obtain Job's forgiveness before God would forgive.

Now that Job has accepted his suffering and forgiven his friends, he is restored.

## NOTES



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Chapters 34-42 (include Chapter and verse in your answers)

1. What did Elihu want them to discern and learn together?
2. What did Elihu claim Job said profitted a man nothing?
3. Why and where does God punish those that have turned from following Him?
4. Who did Elihu say that Job's wickedness and righteousness would affect?
5. Why does God not answer when men cry out?
6. What does God do for the righteous that he doesn't take his eyes off of?
7. What does God do for those in their suffering and affliction?
8. Why does God stop every man from his labor?
9. In what, does God not oppress?
10. What are the wicked denied and what, belonging to them is broken?
11. What animal does God say, He did not endow with wisdom or a share of good sense?
12. What did Job reply, when God called for the one who accused God to answer?
13. What does God challenge Job to do to the proud?
14. What does God suggest man could not do to the behemoth?
15. What did God say one would remember and not do, after laying a hand on leviathan?
16. Since nobody is fierce enough to oppose leviathan, what does God ask?
17. What does Job say God can do, and what can't be thwarted?
18. What did Job say, he had spoken of?

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Chapters 34-42 continued

19. Since Job's eyes had seen God, what did he do?
20. Why was God angry with Job's 3 friends?
21. What were the 3 friends to do?
22. What was Job to do for them?
23. How was Job blessed by God?
24. How long after this, did Job live?

BONUS:

1. What lessons have you learned from this book?
2. How does God's speech, make you feel?
3. Do those who suffer to do, even though they are serving God, blessed like Job? Explain.