

August 1–7

Job 1–3; 12–14; 19; 21–24; 38–40; 42

“Yet Will I Trust in Him”



The Character of Job

Job 1:1

What do we learn about Job in this passage?

The Character of Job

Job 1:3, 21-22

What do we learn about Job in this passage?

What do you think is meant by the phrase, “nor charged God foolishly”?

George Albert Smith

“We do not own any part of the earth or its riches. At most we are only temporary tenants. We leave it all here when we pass on. Naked we came into the world, and naked we depart. This is the Lord's earth, and keeping his commandments is the rent we pay for the blessings of life and all that we will enjoy here and hereafter.” (CR, April 1945)

Robert D. Hales

"The great lesson of Job is that, 'in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.' Too often when adversity strikes, we use it as a justification to commit sin and turn away from the teachings of Jesus Christ, the prophets who lead us, and our family and friends. Job maintained his testimony and was blessed for his unwavering faith that God lived and that he would dwell in God's presence." (CR, Oct. 1981)

The Character of Job

Job 2:3

Job 4:3-4

Job 23:11-12

Job 29:12-16

Job 31:28-30

What do we learn about Job in this passage?

Afflictions Suffered By Job

Job 1:14-17

Job 1:18-20

Job 2:7; 7:5

Job 7:3-4,13-14

Job 19:13-19

From what affliction did Job suffer?

Afflictions Suffered By Job

Job 5:17-18

What does Job know about God's interaction with man that gives him comfort?

Why are afflictions necessary?

Isaiah 48:10

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

Orson F. Whitney

“No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to our education, to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable, more worthy to be called the children of God... and it is through sorrow and suffering, toil and tribulation, that we gain the education that we come here to acquire and which will make us more like our Father and Mother in heaven.” (In - Spencer W. Kimball, Faith Precedes the Miracle, pg. 98)

Eldred G. Smith

As Job conquered, he became more perfect. As it was with Job, so shall it be with us. We also must withstand trials and difficulties through which we attain perfection. This process thus strengthened Job until he uttered that immortal testimony: 'For I know that my redeemer liveth' (Job 19:25).

“Many of us say, ‘I believe,’ but can we say as Job did, ‘I know.’ Can we say we know that God lives, and that Jesus is the Christ?... Through the tempering process of life we may become strengthened even to perfection, as we conquer and endure to the end, that we too may have a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (CR, Oct. 1958)

Strength Through Faith In Christ

Job 16:1-7

Why do well meaning loved ones sometimes fail to comfort during times of afflictions?

Strength Through Faith In Christ

Job 14:13-14

Strength Through Faith In Christ

Job 19:23-26

Why do you think having a testimony of Christ helped Job during his afflictions?

Spencer W. Kimball

“The question asked by Job has been asked by millions who have stood at the open bier of a loved one: 'If a man die, shall he live again?' (Job 14:14).

“And the question has been answered acceptably to numerous of them as a great, sweet peace settles down upon them like the dews of heaven. And innumerable times hearts that were weary in agonizing suffering have felt the kiss of that peace which knows not understanding. And when a deep tranquility of soul has brought a new warm assurance to minds that were troubled and hearts that were torn, those numerous could repeat with beloved Job, ‘For I know that my redeemer liveth,’” (CR, April 1969)

Strength Through Faith In Christ

Job 27:4-6

What does verse 6 tell you about Job?

How do people receive such comfort?

Alma 5:14-16

14 And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, have ye spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?

15 Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you? Do you look forward with an eye of faith, and view this mortal body raised in immortality, and this corruption raised in incorruption, to stand before God to be judged according to the deeds which have been done in the mortal body?

16 I say unto you, can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear the voice of the Lord, saying unto you, in that day: Come unto me ye blessed, for behold, your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth?

Joseph Smith

"Those, then, who make the sacrifice will have the testimony that their course is pleasing in the sight of God, and those who have this testimony will have faith to lay hold on eternal life, and will be enabled, through faith, to endure unto the end, and receive the crown that is laid up for them that love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Lectures on Faith, The Law Sacrifice, 10)

Eternal Perspective

Job 38:4-7

How would this understanding of the totality of his existence be a comfort to him?

Spencer W. Kimball

"If we looked at mortality as the whole of existence, then pain, sorrow, failure, and short life would be calamity. But if we look upon life as an eternal thing stretching far into the premortal past and on into the eternal post-death future, then all happenings may be put in proper perspective." (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball, pg.15)

Eternal Perspective

Job 42:12-17

Henry B. Eyring

“The Lord blessed him beyond all he had lost. But perhaps the greatest blessing for Job was to have increased in holiness through adversity and repentance. He was qualified to have greater happiness in the days he had yet to live.

“Greater holiness will not come simply by asking for it. It will come by doing what is needed for God to change us.” (CR, Oct. 2019)

Next Week:

August 8–14

Psalms 1–2; 8; 19–33; 40; 46

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

