



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION
2012 July 1**

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

Agenda (see news letter)

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Last week. . .The stairs -construction



preparation...



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the start...



laying out the materials...



planning...



first set of stairs...

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Say something about this photo...



Smile, Taylor, smile...



Say something about this photo...



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Quality inspection....



meditating...



Say something about this photo...



Concentration...



Say something

Type any name



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Mission trip is coming



More Mexico . . .



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Purses

Morry \$218.14 provision

Kathleen \$145 mission fund REST PAID All except \$500

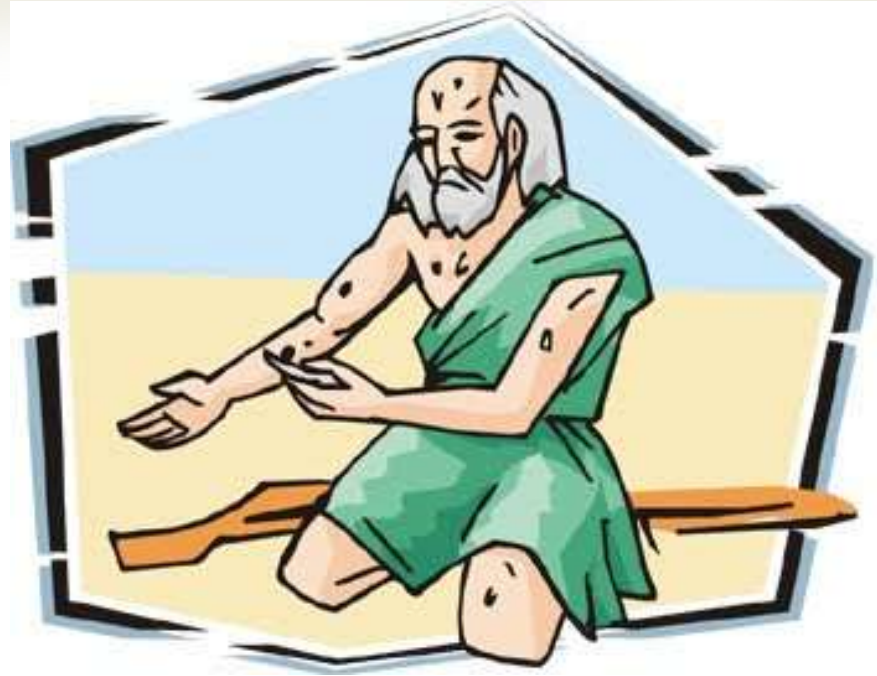
(promised) \$250 expected from Barbeque.

24-Jun-12	Income		480
24-Jun-12	Deck wood for Caissey's		-35.86
24-Jun-12	Mission trip		-410
24-Jun-12	web site annual fee		-70
24-Jun-12	Caissey deck flooring		-226

Short message/ discussion

Why do people struggle if God is in control? Part 3 in series

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JOB'S STORY IS ONE OF SUFFERING...WHERE WE CAN SEE GOD'S STATEMENTS ABOUT HUMAN SUFFERING!

Job, one of the most complex and interesting books in the Old Testament, deals with a profound human theme. Why do people suffer, if God is in control?

The book itself, a **very long and highly structured poem**, is about a man named **Job who lost all that he had within a short period of time**. He found himself an outcast, waiting for death near the city dump, when some of his former friends came to comfort him.

The hidden backdrop to the story is the will of God and the sneering challenge of the Devil.

The first set of speeches made by Job's friends has the general theme that Job is sinful. ***The all-wise, all-powerful God, they say, is only giving him what he deserves.***

All three friends speak:

Eliphaz, who is a ***kindly mystic***;

Bildad, a rather ***unsympathetic traditionalist***,
and

Zophar, a narrow ***dogmatist***.

These three men represent different approaches to the problem of suffering, as does Job himself.

THE HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF THE BOOK of JOB?

- Job appears historically true...(Noah, Daniel) (James says he was patient), probably written in poetry to enable it to be remembered,
- Refers to a time around 2000 years before Jesus lived (4000years ago),
- Satan asks God to destroy Job's earthly possessions to test him,
- God allows Satan to destroy Jobs possessions, children and servants
- Satan wants Job to curse God but Job refuses and praises God.
- Does Satan give up, no!
- ...we considered how we would feel if our bad circumstances got worse...
- Satan says if Job's life was in danger he would have cursed God
- God, says Satan can give Job illness and pain but cannot take his life
- Satan covers Job in sores, head to foot and he is cast out of town to the city dump.
- Job's wife asks him to curse God and die
- Job with respect points out she is wrong, and refuses, praising God again.
- ...we considered how Job's relationship with God in the past helped him react correctly in horrible circumstances..

Now we move on....

Outline for the Book of Job

- **Prologue:** scene in heaven Job 1:1-2:13
[looked at this last week]
- **First set of speeches** Job 3:1-14:22
[starting here this week]
- **Second set of speeches** Job 15:1-21:34
- **Third set of speeches** Job 22:1-31:40
- **The speech of Elihu** Job 32:1-37:24
- **The reply of God** Job 38:1-42:6
- **Epilogue** Job 42:7-17

Job 3 (NIRV)

"May the day I was born be wiped out.

May the night be wiped away when people said, 'A boy is born!'

⁴ May that day turn into darkness.

May God in heaven not care about it.

May no light shine on it.

⁵ May darkness and deep shadow take it back.

May a cloud settle over it.

May blackness cover up its light.

⁶ May deep darkness take over the night I was born.

May it not be included among the days of the year.

May it never appear in any of the months.

⁷ May no children ever have been born on that night.

May no shout of joy be heard in it.

⁸ May people call down a curse on that day.

May those who are ready to wake up the sea monster

Leviathan curse that day.

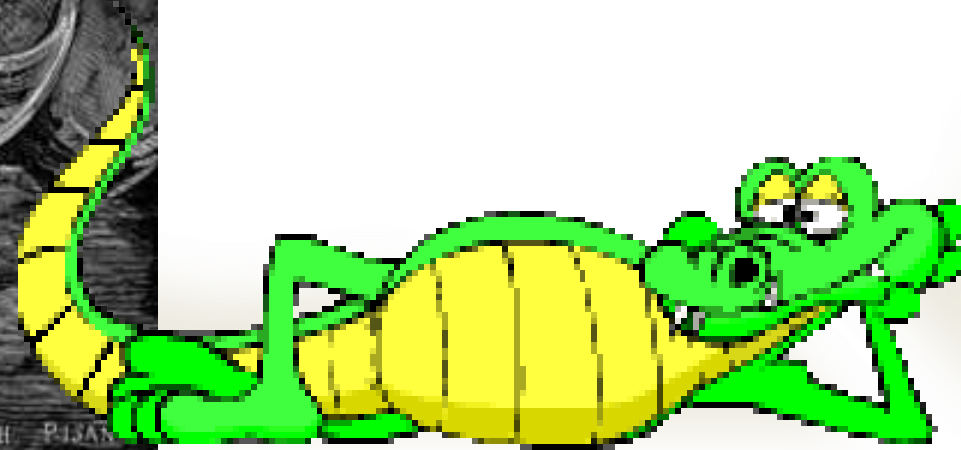
Leviathan

The Leviathan is mentioned six times in the Hebrew Bible, with [Job 41:1-41:34](#) being dedicated to describing him in detail

- Its mouth is filled with terrifying teeth.
- Its back has rows of shields that are close together. Each one is so close to the next one that not even air can pass between them. They are joined tightly to one another. They stick together and can't be forced apart. A sword that strikes it has no effect. Neither does a spear or dart or javelin
- The leviathan's snorting throws out flashes of light.
- Its eyes shine like the first light of day.
- Fire seems to spray out of its mouth. Sparks of fire shoot out. Flames fly out of its mouth. Smoke pours out of its nose. It is like smoke from a boiling pot over burning grass. Its breath sets coals on fire.
- Its neck is very strong.
- Its rolls of fat are close together. They are firm and can't be moved.
- Its chest is as hard as rock. It is as hard as a lower millstone.
- Its undersides are like broken pieces of pottery. It leaves a trail in the mud like a threshing sled.
- It makes the ocean churn like a boiling pot. It stirs up the sea like perfume someone is making. It leaves a shiny trail behind it. You would think the ocean had white hair.

Sea serpents feature prominently in the mythology of the Ancient Near East, attested as early as the 3rd millennium B.C. in Sumerian iconography depicting the myth of the god Ninurta overcoming the seven-headed serpent

Artists impression of a Leviathan



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"May the day I was born be wiped out.

²⁰ "Why is the light that leads to life given to those who suffer?

Why is it given to those whose spirits are bitter?

²¹ Why is life given to those who long for death that doesn't come?

Why is it given to those who would rather search for death
than for hidden treasure?

²² Why is life given to those who are actually happy and glad
when they reach the grave?

²³ Why is life given to a man like me?

God hasn't told me what will happen to me.

He has surrounded me with nothing but trouble.

²⁴ I sigh instead of eating food.

Groans pour out of me like water.

²⁵ What I was afraid of has come on me.

What I worried about has happened to me.

²⁶ I don't have any peace and quiet.

I can't find any rest. All I have is trouble."

Have you ever felt that way?

Is it a sin to feel this way?

What would be a sin related to this type of thinking?

Job's suffering not just physical but psychological and he is tormented.

His beliefs have been that great suffering indicates a great sinner, *but he knows he is not!*

His greatest fear has apparently come true and now he is cut off from God and he doesn't even know why!

Note: as we go on we will find not all Job's perceptions are true!

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite replies

Just taking some excerpts, you will need to read it yourself for detail...

⁸ Here's what I've observed.
People gather a crop from what they plant.
If they plant evil and trouble, that's what
they will harvest.
⁹ The breath of God destroys them.
The blast of his anger wipes them out.

Does this happen to some people?

"If I were you, I'd make my appeal to God.
I'd bring my case to be judged by him.
⁹ He does wonderful things that can't be
understood.
He does miracles that can't even be
counted.

Is this true?

'Can a human being be more
right than God?
Can a mere man be more pure
than the One who made him?
¹⁸ God doesn't trust those who
serve him.
He even brings charges against
his angels.
¹⁹ So he'll certainly find fault with
human beings.
After all, they are made out of
dust.
They can be crushed more easily
than a moth.

What is true and what is not so
sure to be true in this
statement?
How can we know?

The first of the three friends to speak is Eliphaz, who is probably the oldest of the three. He is also the least severe in the accusations brought against Job (4:1-2).

He begins by noting that in the past Job comforted others in their troubles, but now that he has troubles himself, his faith has failed. If Job truly honoured God and was upright in his ways, there would be no need for this despondency (3-6).

The person who is innocent, argues Eliphaz, need not fear suffering or death. Such calamities are God's judgment on wrong doing, and not even the strongest or most defiant person can withstand his judgment (7-11).

According to Eliphaz, it is useless for Job to expect the people to support his protest against God's laws (5:1).

The person who rebels against God in such bitterness is a fool and will only get himself into more trouble.

His house may be destroyed, his sons convicted of lawbreaking, or his fields plundered by raiders (2-5).

For Eliphaz, this shows that suffering does not spring up by itself. Suffering is caused by a person's sin, just as sparks are caused by a fire (6-7).

In summary, Eliphaz's suggestion is that if he were in Job's position he would stop complaining and leave the whole matter in God's hands, for he has infinite wisdom and power (8-10). God blesses the humble and the needy, though he opposes those who think they are clever (11-16).

The sufferings God uses to punish and correct people are likened to wounds.

He will heal the wounds of those who submit to him (17-18).

He will then bless them with protection from famine and from enemies (19-22); wild beasts will not destroy their flocks or herds (23-24); their families will multiply, and they will die contented in old age (25-26).

Such is Eliphaz's advice, based on much research, and he suggests that Job accept it (27).

And we know God later disagrees with this advice....

Job 6¹ Job replied

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"I wish my great pain could be weighed!
I wish all of my suffering could be weighed
on scales!

³ I'm sure they would weigh more than the
grains of sand on the seashore.

No wonder I've been so quick to speak!

⁴ The Mighty One has shot me with his
arrows.

I have to drink their poison.

God's terrors are aimed at me.

How true is this?

⁸ "I wish I could have what I'm
asking for!

I wish God would give me what
I'm hoping for!

⁹ I wish he would crush me!

I wish his powerful hand would
cut off my life!

¹⁰ Then I'd still have one thing to
comfort me. It would be that I
haven't said no to the Holy One's
commands.

What does this say about Job's
greatest fear?

"A man's friends should love him when his hope is gone.
They should be faithful to him
even if he stops showing respect for the Mighty One.

¹⁵ But my friends aren't faithful to me.

They are like streams that only flow for part of the year.
They are like rivers that flow over their banks

¹⁶ when the ice begins to break up.

How should we react as friends?
Is Job's statement valid?

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²¹ And now, my friends, you haven't helped me either.
You see the horrible condition I'm in.
And that makes you afraid.

Do you think people react this way?
Why?
How should we react?

²⁵ Honest words are so painful!
But your reasoning doesn't prove anything.
²⁶ Are you trying to correct what I'm saying?
You are treating the words of this hopeless man
like nothing but wind.

Do you think Elipaz was trying to correct what Job was saying?

"But now please look at me.
Would I tell you a lie right here in front of you?
²⁹ Stop what you are saying. Don't be so unfair.
Think it over again.
You are trying to take my honesty away from me.
³⁰ Has my mouth spoken anything that is evil?
Do my lips say things that are hateful?"

When people are in pain and suffering do we listen to what they are saying?
Or are we too busy with our thoughts of help to truly hear?

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"Doesn't every man have to work hard on this earth?
Aren't his days like the days of a hired worker?

How are our days like that of a hired labourer?

⁴ When I lie down I think,
'How long will it be before I can get up?'
The night drags on.
I toss and turn until sunrise.

Does this ever happen to us?

⁵ My body is covered with worms and sores.
My skin is broken. It has boils all over it.

Job is in a bad way!



¹³ Sometimes I think my bed will comfort me.

I think my couch will keep me from being unhappy.

¹⁴ But even then you send me dreams that frighten me.

You send me visions that terrify me.

¹⁵ So I would rather choke to death.
That would be better than living in this body of mine.

¹⁶ I hate my life. I don't want to live forever.

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"What are human beings that you think so much of them?

What are they that you pay so much attention to them?

¹⁸ You check up on them every morning.
You put them to the test every moment.

¹⁹ Won't you ever look away from me?
Won't you leave me alone even for one second?

²⁰ If I've really sinned, tell me what I've done to you.

Why do you watch people so closely?
Why do you shoot your arrows at me?
Have I become a problem to you?

²¹ Why don't you forgive the wrong things I've done?

Why don't you forgive me for my sins?

What do you think of his attitude / tone of voice?

Don't you think he sounds **exasperated**?

Definition**Exasperated**

Intensity of angry or impatience;
annoyed greatly.

Does he sound like he thinks he has sinned?

How do we feel about God being involved with our activities during every day?

How do we experience the presence of God daily?

DO we talk to God like Job does? What can we learn from Job's discussion with God?

Did God talk back to Job immediately?

How should we react if it appears that God doesn't talk to us immediately?

How can we always hear God's voice with clarity?

What will we do this week to hear God voice and comfort others?

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Prayer! Taking of collection for needs!

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1-Jul-12	M&L		-150
1-Jul-12	J&A		-200
1-Jul-12	Mission trip		-100
1-Jul-12	food bank		-100
1-Jul-12	website		-180
			<u>\$ 375</u>

I am every man
Wonderful merciful saviour
God of this city
Heavens Joy awaits
East is from the West
While you were sleeping
You raise me up
Light of my life
How great is our Great

Who am I

Gentle Shepherd
Mighty to Save



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