



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED  
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION  
2012 July 8**

***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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## 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 4 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.

## Outline for the Book of Job

- **Prologue:** scene in heaven Job 1:1-2:13  
*[looked at this]*
- **First set of speeches** Job 3:1-14:22  
*[Looked at part of this last 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

# **Synopsis of last week**

Job 3 (NIRV)

**"May the day I was born be wiped out. "**

**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!**

*depressed*

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

**For Eliphaz, 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).**

**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).**

# Job 6<sup>1</sup> Job replied

*Job explains his suffering is great but he has not sinned.  
He wishes his friends would love him even when he has no more hope.  
He wants God to kill him so he can die without speaking against God....*

<sup>9</sup> I wish he would crush me!

I wish his powerful hand would cut off my life!

<sup>10</sup> 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.

*Job complains they are taking his honesty away from himself.  
He re-iterates he hates life and doesn't want to live forever*

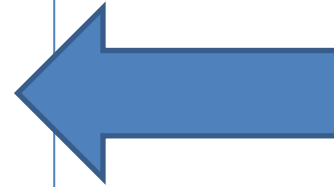
<sup>16</sup> I hate my life. I don't want to live forever.

*Job cannot think of any sin, and asks God to remind him of a sin if he has sinned!*

**Now starting *this* week**

## JOB 8 : Bildad the Shuhite now speaks

<sup>2</sup> "Job, how long will you talk like that?  
Your words don't have any meaning.  
<sup>3</sup> Does God ever treat people unfairly?  
Does the Mighty One make what is wrong  
appear to be right?



**What do we think?**

<sup>4</sup> Your children sinned against him.  
So he punished them for their sin.  
<sup>5</sup> But look to God.

This was Job's fear, his "friend"  
is making things worse! Can  
Job know his children never  
sinned?

"I'm sure God doesn't turn his back on  
anyone who is honest.  
And he doesn't help those who do what is  
evil.

Is this true?

How would you feel if you were Job?  
How would you respond to Bildad?



## SUMMARY of Bildad's speech

After rebuking Job for his wild words against God, Bildad tells him that God is always just.

Completely lacking in sympathy, Bildad reminds Job that his children have died, and cruelly concludes that it must have been because of their sin (8:1-4).

Job's suffering must also be because of his sin. If, however, he is innocent, he need only pray humbly to God, and God will replace his suffering with greater blessing than he had before (5-7).

For Bildad the traditional teaching is of first importance, and this emphasis characterizes all his speeches. Job cannot, on the basis of his short experience, question what all the wisest people of previous ages have believed (8-10).

<sup>8</sup> "Find out what your people who lived long ago taught.  
Discover what those who lived before them learned.

<sup>9</sup> After all, we were born only yesterday.  
So we don't know anything.

*What do we  
think  
of this statement?*

## **SUMMARY of Bildad's speech continued**

**All disaster, in Bildad's view, is the consequence of personal ungodliness.**

***What about this?***

**According to Bildad, the reason for Job's terrible losses and tormenting suffering can only be Job's sin. Repentance will bring renewed strength, joy, victory and prosperity (20-22).**

How would we feel if we were Job hearing this?

How would we respond to Bildad?

## JOB 9 : Job answers Bildad

<sup>2</sup> "I'm sure that what you have said is true.  
But how can human beings be right with  
God?

<sup>3</sup> They might wish to argue with him.  
But they couldn't answer him  
even once in a thousand times.

<sup>4</sup> His wisdom is deep. His power is great.

Then Job continues

<sup>10</sup> He does wonderful things that can't be  
understood.

He does miracles that can't even be  
counted.

<sup>11</sup> When he passes by me, I can't see him.  
When he goes past me, I can't recognize  
him.

<sup>12</sup> If he takes something, who can stop  
him?

Who would dare to ask him, 'What are you  
doing?'

What do you think of this  
start to his reply?

Do we get a sense of how  
amazing Job thinks God  
is?

## JOB 9 : Job answers Bildad

<sup>14</sup> "So how can I disagree with God?

How can I possibly argue with him?

<sup>15</sup> Even if I hadn't done anything wrong,  
I couldn't answer him.

I could only beg my Judge to have mercy  
on me.

Do we argue with God?  
Do we agree with what  
Job says here?

Then Job continues

"God isn't a man like me. I can't answer him.

We can't take each other to court.

<sup>33</sup> I wish someone would settle matters  
between us.

I wish someone would force us to work things  
out.

<sup>34</sup> I wish someone would keep God from  
punishing me.

Then his terror wouldn't frighten me anymore.

<sup>35</sup> I would speak up without being afraid of him.  
But as things stand now, I can't do that.

He show that God is so  
important that nobody is  
adequate to address him  
directly.

## JOB 10 : Job continues

<sup>7</sup> You already know I'm not guilty.  
No one can save me from your powerful hand.  
<sup>8</sup> " 'Your hands shaped me and made me.  
So are you going to destroy me now?  
<sup>9</sup> Remember, you molded me like clay.  
So are you going to turn me back into dust?

Do you think this show he  
is accepting his situation?

## **Job's full answer summarized**

While agreeing with Bildad that God is just, Job argues that ordinary people are still at a disadvantage. They cannot present their side of the case satisfactorily, because God always has the wisdom and power to frustrate them.

What chance does a mere human like Job have (13-14)?

Job knows he has not committed great sins, but he also knows that if he tried to argue his case before God he would still lose (15-16). He would surely say something wrong and so be proved guilty. God would crush him then as he crushes him now (17-20).

In bitterness Job asks God why he makes the innocent suffer, yet at the same time blesses the wicked (10:1-3). Is he like an unjust judge who punishes a person even though he knows the person is innocent (4-7)? Did God create Job simply to destroy him (8-9)? Has he kept him alive merely to torment him (10-13)? It seems to Job that it makes no difference whether he is good or bad. God's purpose seems to be to hunt him mercilessly and heap punishment upon him for even the smallest sins (14-17).

Job wishes he had never been born into a world of such injustice and suffering (18-19). He asks only for the briefest period of happiness before he dies (20-22).

Commentary extracted from

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What do you think Bildad would have thought of this answer?

Has Job sinned in his answer?

Is there anything in the response of Job that could show us how to respond similar tough circumstances?

Does God really expect perfection from us? If so how can we ever measure up?

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1-Jul-12	food bank		-100
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			<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

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