

# Gleanings from Job

## *Truths that Transform*

*There is a definite purpose for which God put the story of Job in the Bible. There are eternal and never-changing truths that can make us strong in the midst of the storms of life. Everyone will have trouble in this world. What you do with your troubles determines the outcome of your trial. It can make you better or bitter. It is a choice.*

### **Truths Concerning Suffering**

- We never will know the mysteries of heaven that affect earth. (Deut. 29:29, Amos 3:7-8)
- Suffering loss is a part of life. No one is exempt. (Mt. 5:45)
- Suffering God uses for our good and his glory. (Rom. 8:28)
- Suffering is not always God's punishment or chastisement. (1 Peter 4:12, 4:19)
- Suffering takes a terrible toll on body and mind. (Rom. 8:23, 2 Cor. 5:2)
- In suffering we have an advocate before the throne of God. (Heb. 4:16, 1 Jn 2:1)
- Faith in God's goodness & sovereignty is an anchor of the soul. (Heb. 6:19, Heb 11:6)

### **The Facts of Life**

- God has placed a hedge of protection about us. 1:10 (Psalm 91:1-10, Jn 10:28-29)
- Satan is out to destroy your faith in God's goodness. 1:6-12 (1 Peter 5:8, Gen. 50:20)
- Nothing happens except through God's permission. 1:12 (Isa. 14:24, Jer. 29:11)
- Naked you came into the world and naked you will leave. 1:21 (James 1:11, Luke 12:15)
- Shall we not receive good and bad from God? 2:10 (Mt. 5:45, Lam. 3:23)

### **Our Hope for Tomorrow**

- Man's days are determined by God. 14:5 (Ps. 90:10, Heb. 9:27)
- Our sins are covered in God's presence. 14:16-17 (Ps. 32:1, Rom. 4:7)
- We have an advocate before the throne of God. 16:19-21 (1 Jn 2:1, Rom. 8:26-27)
- I know my Redeemer lives. 19:25-27 (Prov. 23:11, Jer. 50:34)
- When I am tried I will come forth as gold. 23:10 (1 Peter 1:7, Isa. 13:12)

### **God's Purposes**

- God makes our hearts soft. 23:16 (2 Cor. 1:3-6, Ps. 119:67)
- God speaks to men through suffering and silence. 36:15 (Ps. 119:71, Ps. 119:75)
- God's plans cannot be thwarted. 42:2 (Isa. 14:27, Daniel 4:35)
- Who can contend, correct, or accuse God Almighty? 40:2 (Isa. 45:9, Jer. 2:9 Job 9:2-3)
- When Job prayed for his friends God healed him. 42:10 (James 5:16, Eccl. 4:9-12)
- There are rewards for those who wait on God. 42:12 (Jn 14:1-2, 1 Cor. 2:9, Rev. 22)

*Take the time to look up and read the accompanying verse from other portions of Scripture that are God's agreement with the truths of Job. God's word is an anchor for the soul. Memorize what you can. Mark these truths in your Bible. Meditate on these truths and you will find great encouragement and it will strengthen your faith.*

***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God!***