

The Book of Job Home Group Notes 7

Job 28:1 – 31:40 Job's final plea

Set the scene: What do you want written on your gravestone?
Why?

Recap: Can you sum up what the three friends have said to Job?

Making sense of living in God's world needs God's wisdom

1. Read Job 28:1-11

What things of value are these verses about?

2. Where can they be found?

3. In what ways are human achievements impressive?

Living life to the full is not about knowing why things happen, but instead knowing the God who knows why things happen.

4. Read 28:12-28 What thing of value is now being discussed?

5. How does it compare with the precious things discussed in the earlier verses?

6. Where can it be found? (v28)

7. What does it mean to 'fear' the Lord?

8. And so what is the answer to the question of v12?

Is it found in relationship? Or knowledge? Or old age?

9. Read the subtitle statement above. This might be the big idea of the book of Job. Can you understand the point? Do you accept it? How helpful is it?

10. Read Job 29:1-5 What is Job longing for?

Why is that a good thing?

11. Read Job 30:9f. What is Job's current experience?

How does it point towards the sufferings Jesus endured in his incarnation?

12. Read Job 31:1-32:1 Why is Job ending like this?

How does this finally silence the three friends?

13. Is the book of Job making good sense to you yet?

Apply these things to your life

14. Are there times when you've let God disagree with you? What are the things you'd want to disagree with him about?

15. How can we support one another in:-

a. Persevering through suffering?

b. Taking holiness seriously?

16. According to 1 Cor 1:18-25 what is God's wisdom?

How is this different from what Jews or Greeks expect or desire?

17. According to Colossians 2:2-3 where is wisdom and knowledge found?

Prayer ideas

- Thank God that he is perfect and wise.
- Thank him for revealing his wisdom to us
- Pray for his help to endure suffering
- Pray for the help of His Spirit for us to take holiness seriously
- Share prayer requests with one another.