

Women of the Word

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

~Job 1:21 (NIV)

“I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”

~Job 42:2 (NIV)

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Bible reading passage for 2017. The book of Job probably seems like an unlikely book to read at the beginning of the year. However, there are important lessons for us to glean from these pages in our Bible. Job learned many valuable lessons about God in the midst of difficult trials and his personal suffering. It is my prayer that this month’s Bible reading will teach us more about God’s character and we will each grow in our personal faith and trust of the Lord.

General Suggestions & Tips

- Schedule an appointment each day to read God’s Word.
- Begin with prayer and ask the Lord to speak to you through His Word.
- Follow the schedule and read the scripture passage listed.
- Read your Bible with a notebook and pen beside you. Make note of words, phrases, and verses that stand out as you read each day’s passage.
- Look for points of *personal application*.
 - How is God speaking to me (instruction, call to obey, warning)?
 - What does this passage teach me about God?
 - Are there specific truths God wants me to apply to my life?

Questions to ask yourself as you read the book of Job this month:

1. How do I process difficulties and trials in my life?
2. Do I believe God is in control and that He has a plan for my life?
3. In the midst of my life circumstances, do I choose to praise the Lord?
4. What is my response to others when they are going through difficult times in their lives?

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Reading Schedule for Job

January 2017

- January 1 Job 1-2 – Job’s 2 tests
- January 2 Job 3 – Job speaks
- January 3 Job 4-5 – Eliphaz the Temanite
- January 4 Job 6-7 – Job replies
- January 5 Job 8 – Bildad the Shuhite
- January 6 Job 9-10 – Job replies
- January 7 Job 11 – Zophar the Naamathite
- January 8 Job 12-14 – Job replies
- January 9 Job 15 – Eliphaz the Temanite
- January 10 Job 16-17 – Job replies
- January 11 Job 18 – Bildad the Shuhite
- January 12 Job 19 – Job replies
- January 13 Job 20 – Zophar the Naamathite
- January 14 Job 21 – Job replies
- January 15 Job 22 – Eliphaz the Temanite
- January 16 Job 23-24 – Job replies
- January 17 Job 25-28 – Bildad the Shuhite replies & Job’s discourse begins
- January 18 Job 29-31 – Job’s discourse continues
- January 19 Job 32-33 – Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite
- January 20 Job 34-35 – Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite
- January 21 Job 36-37 – Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite
- January 22 Job 38-39 – The Lord answers
- January 23 Job 40-41 – The Lord speaks to Job
- January 24 Job 42 – Job’s repentance and the Epilogue

Let’s review the book of Job and ask the Lord to help us apply His Truth to our lives.

- January 25 Job 1 – Summarize what takes place in this chapter (God, Satan, Job, his family)
- January 26 Job 2 – Summarize what takes place in this chapter (God, Satan, Job, Job’s wife)
- January 27 Job 38 – Note truths about God (i.e. 38:4 – He is the Creator.)
- January 28 Job 39 – Note truths about God (i.e. 39:14 – God knows the Master Plan.)
- January 29 Job 40 – Note Job’s response to the Lord (40:3-5). God is all powerful. Job is but a man.
- January 30 Job 41 – Note God’s examples in this chapter.
- January 31 Job 42 – Job’s words of repentance and God’s deliverance