



Lessons from JOB

Lesson 3

Silence to Outburst

From Last Time

Review: What were some of the key points that stood out to you during last week's Bible study?

Homework: Philippians 4:4-14.

How are you even better off than Job to handle adversity and suffering?



What three-step process did you develop from Philippians 4 to help you overcome adversity?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Silent Friends

Read Job 2:11-13

1. What details lead you to commend Job's friends?
2. What details lead you to condemn Job's friends?

“ Their long silence shows that they had not fully realized the purpose of their visit. Their feeling is overpowered by reflection, their sympathy by dismay. It is a pity that they let Job utter the first word, which they might have prevented by some word of kindly solace. – Franz Delitzsch ”

3. What should you do in a situation in which you don't have any good answers to give?

Job's Outburst

Read Job 3:1-10

1. Summarize Job's thoughts in this section.

Read Job 3:11-19

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2. Evaluate Job's view of death. Do you agree or disagree with his description of it?

Read Job 3:20-26

1. Summarize Job's thoughts in this section.
2. Do you find anything interesting in what Job says about God's role?
3. What descriptions will you add to your character sketch of Job after reading his speech?

“ *The sufferer considers himself as forgotten, forsaken, and rejected of God...therefore he sinks into despair: and in this despair expression is given to the profound truth...that it is better never to have been born, or to be annihilated, than to be rejected of God. – Franz Delitzsch* ”

Discussion

Job's "solution" and response to his situation was anger, despair, and questions. Sometimes in the midst of intense grief, people may search for "solutions" in alcohol, drugs, self-inflicted pain, and even intense exercise.

What do you think leads people to seek these solutions?



What is the only real answer and solution to the grief and suffering we experience on earth?

Agree/ Disagree: When someone suffers intense grief and pain, there is an immense opportunity to share Jesus with them.

What have you gained today from our study of the book of Job?

Homework

Read Romans 8



Don't be silent like Job's friends! Use Romans chapter 8 to craft a dialogue that you can use to converse with someone experiencing intense grief and suffering. Work to use this dialogue to share with them the incredible comfort and promises of God's amazing love. Use the content of Romans 8 guide people to Christ and the amazing blessing that are found in him.

E. C. – Search for information on the Leviathan.