

SOVEREIGN SUFFERING

[THE BOOK OF JOB]



WHEN YOUR WORLD IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Meet Mr. Job

Job 1:1–5

INTRODUCTION — “There was a man ... whose name was Job.” (1:1)

The Setting ...

- Was Job a real person? (cf. Ezekiel 14:14,20; James 5:11)
- Where did Job live? “in the land of Uz” 1:1
- When did Job live?

The Story ...

- What happened to Job?
- What is the main message of Job?

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Job — How to **SUFFER**.
Psalms — How to pray
Proverbs — How to act
Ecclesiastes — How to enjoy
Song of Solomon — How to love

It is 42 chapters long to remind us that the journey of suffering may take **TIME**.

The Style ...

- PROSE** (Chps. 1,2,42)

Straightforward facts, ordinary language people use in speech or writing.

- POETRY** (Chps. 3-41)

*Written or spoken words to give a **personal take** on something, communicating not just from the head to head, but from **heart to heart**.*

LESSON — When Your World is Turned Upside Down: Meet Mr. Job

I. JOB'S CHARACTER vs. 1-5

The Text — What does it say?

His Person v. 1

“... and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.”

What does that mean?

“blameless” = He was **RIGHTEOUS**.

“upright” = He was **REAL**.

“fearing God” = He was **REVERENT**.

“turning away from evil.” He was **RESISTANT**.

His Possessions vs. 2-3

“Seven sons and three daughters ... His possessions also were ... and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east” = He was **RICH**.

His Passion vs. 4-5

“His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, ... When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, ‘Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.’ Thus Job did continually.” = He was a **RECONCILER**.

The Truths — What is this teaching us?

Conclusion ...

v. 6 *“Now there was a day ...”*

Next Week ...

II. Job's Conflict — When you get the worst news of your life. (vs. 6-22)