

# WHEN GOD SPEAKS

(The Book of Job)



## *Almost Happily Ever After* 42:7-17

REVIEW — Let's remember what we have learned ...

### God Speaks to Job — Chapters 38:1-41:34

*“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ...”*

- **The 1<sup>st</sup> Message** — The Importance of the Doctrine of Creation (Chapter 38:1-40:2)
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Message** — The Importance of the Doctrine of God's Power & Providence (Chapters 40:6-41:34)

### Job Responds to God — Chapters 40:3-5; 42:1-6

*“Then Job answered the Lord and said, ...”*

INTRODUCTION — Life is not a fairy tale!

The Point — “Happily ever after” needs to leave room for the **REALITIES** of life.

The Perspective — James' conclusion about Job (James 5:11)

*“We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the **endurance of Job** and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that **the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.**”*

## LESSON — *Almost Happily Ever After* 42:7-17

### I. GOD'S VIEW OF JOB'S FRIENDS/FAMILY 42:7-9, 11

The Friends vs. 7-8

*“... you have not spoken of Me what is right as **My servant Job** has.”*

God's Evaluation — “My servant Job” (cf. vs. 7,8)

God's Exhortations (vs. 8,9)

To His Friends - *“... **take for yourselves** ... and go to My servant Job, and **offer up a burnt offering for yourselves**. So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, **went and did** as the Lord told them; ...”*

To Job - *“My servant **Job will pray for you** ...”*

The Family v. 11

*“**Then** all his brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before **came to him**, ...”*

### II. GOD'S VIEW OF JOB'S FORTUNES 42:10-17

*“The **Lord restored** the fortunes of Job .... **the Lord increased** all that Job had **twofold**.”*

God restores Job's larger **FRIENDS** circle. v. 11 *“...And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold.”*

God restores Job's **FINANCIAL** security. v. 12 *“... and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels, and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.”*

God restores Job's immediate **FAMILY** circle. vs. 13-15 *“He had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first .... and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.”*

**Conclusion** (vs. 16-17)

*“After this, **Job lived** 140 years,.... And **Job died**, an old man and full of days.”*

The Story of Job prepares us for the story of **JESUS!**