

Job – Part 1

The end of Job's story

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: The end of Job's story

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

- 1) The end of Job's story
 - a) Job 42:10-17
 - b) Where do you see elements of a "happy ending" in these closing words of the book of Job?
 - c) What elements of sadness remain?
 - d) What unanswered questions remain?
 - e) How does Job's life experience compare with your own?
- 2) Unhappy conclusions versus unhappy chapters
 - a) There is a big difference between a unhappy conclusion and an unhappy chapter:
 - i) Give some examples of unhappy conclusions in the Bible:
 - (1) Judas – Matthew 27:5
 - (2) Ananias – Acts 5:5
 - (3) Final destruction of the wicked – Rev. 20:9
 - (4) Other examples?
 - ii) Give some examples of unhappy chapters that are not the end of the story:

- (1) John the Baptist – Matthew 14:10-12 (John 11:23-25)
 - (2) Stephen – Acts 7:59-60 (John 10:27-28)
 - (3) Jesus – Luke 23:52-Luke 24:6 (Rev. 1:18)
 - (4) Other examples?
- b) What promises give you comfort when you face an unhappy chapter in your life?
 - c) What assurance do we have that one day many of our questions will be answered?
 - i) 1 Cor. 4:5
 - ii) 1 Cor. 13:12
 - d) How is it possible to live with unanswered questions and still be at peace?
- 3) The assurance of a resurrection from the dead
 - a) Job 14:14
 - b) Job 19:25-26
 - c) Daniel 12:1-3
 - d) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - e) John 5:28-29
 - f) How does the assurance of a resurrection from the dead when Jesus returns in glory help you face the unhappy chapters of life?
 - g) Share a time when God gave you hope in the midst of an unhappy chapter of your life.
 - 4) God's final word
 - a) Daniel 2:44
 - b) Daniel 7:18
 - c) 2 Peter 3:10,13
 - d) Rev. 21:4-5
 - e) Who will you be looking for on that day?