

Job - Part 5

Curse the Day

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: Curse the day

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

- 1) Put yourself in Job's situation
 - a) Review Job 1-2. What series of losses had Job experienced?
 - b) Job didn't know the end of his story, nor did he know the details of the great controversy between God and Satan. What thoughts and feelings might he have experienced at this time?
 - c) Share a time when you faced a major crisis and struggled to understand what was going on.
- 2) The initial verbal responses of Job
 - a) Five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance.
 - b) Job 1:21 - what stage of grief do you see here?
 - c) Job 2:9-10 - what stage of grief do you see here?
 - d) Job 3:1-10 - what change do you see here?
 - e) Share a time when you wondered if it would have been better if you had never been born.
 - f) Why is it important to be patient with people as they process their grief?
- 3) Rest in the grave
 - a) Job 3:11-26 - What was Job's understanding of what happens when we die? (v.13)
 - b) What other passages of Scripture present death as a sleep?
 - i) Ecclesiastes 9:5 - dead don't know anything
 - ii) John 11:11-14 - Lazarus is sleeping
 - iii) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 - Paul's testimony
 - c) How does the Bible teaching about death give us peace as we face many trials in this life?
- 4) Job's lament continues
 - a) Job 6:1-3 How should we respond to someone whose grief is "heavier than the sands of the sea"?
 - b) What enabled Job to hold on to his faith in God rather than curse God and die?
 - c) Share an experience where a loved one or friend went through a terrible trial. What did you learn from that experience?
- 5) Job's struggle
 - a) Job 6:24-30, Job 7:20 - what question is Job struggling with here?
 - b) Job 7:1-6 - what challenge is Job facing here?
 - c) Why is hope so important when going through difficult situations?
 - d) Share a time when you found hope in spite of a very challenging situation.
 - e) What promises of Scripture give you hope when you are in the midst of a great struggle?