

# Job's Character

Key Verse:  
**"The LORD detests the thoughts of the wicked, but those of the pure are pleasing to Him."**

Proverbs 15:26

Extra: What do you think God would say to others about YOU?

Level 3 lesson 13

**Read Job 1:1-8 and Romans 12:1-2**

**PLEASING GOD:** Have you ever found it hard choosing the right present for someone? Wondering if they will be pleased with our present can sometimes feel like trying to solve a puzzle without any clues!



Fortunately, when it comes to knowing what God wants, and especially how He wants us to behave, we don't have to guess. In many parts of the Bible God has told us what pleases Him and what doesn't!

In our story today, God was so pleased with Job He asked Satan, "Have you seen my servant Job?" (Job 1:8; 2:3). God wanted to point him out from all the people on earth. Wow! Imagine God being that pleased with you or me! It can happen, you know. We can see all the things about Job that pleased God, right here in our passage. The Bible says that Job was "blameless and upright, he feared God and shunned evil" (Job 1:1). What do those things mean?

Job was blameless, which means that people couldn't pick holes in how he lived. Sometimes, people say they believe in God but don't behave as if they do. But not Job; he didn't have big 'holes' in his life. Are you like Job, or do you have a 'Swiss cheese' kind of life?

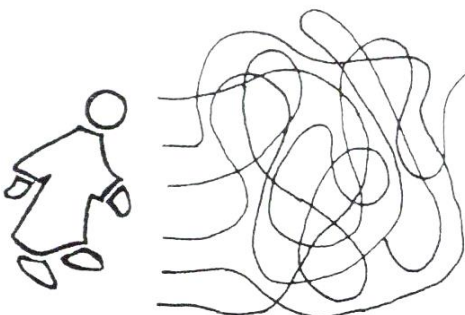
Job was upright, which means that he was on the 'straight and narrow' path. He had decided to follow God's way and always do what was right and pleasing to Him. He didn't wander down wrong paths that would lead him away from God's presence. Are you like Job, or do you find yourself feeling far from God and bumping into 'WRONG WAY' signs all the time?

Job feared God, which means that he respected God more than anyone else. He realised that one day he would stand before Him and be judged, so he wanted to please Him in everything he did. Are you like Job, or does God not mean much to you?

Finally, Job shunned evil, which means that he kept away from anything that even looked bad! Are you like Job, or do you not really care if you're doing right or wrong? We all want to be liked and to impress others. But the person we really need to please is GOD. Accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and ask Him to help you follow Job's example!



**Help Job Stay On The Right PATH!**



1. Why was God so pleased with Job?

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2. Who did God speak to about Job? Why?

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My Name is ..... Age.....

# Job's Troubles

Key Verse:  
 "...We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance."

Romans 5:3

Extra: How can tough times make us better people?

Level 3 lesson 14

Read Job 1:6-22 and Job 2:1-10

**GREY SKIES AND RAINBOWS:** Ouch! That's what we sometimes say when we get our injections at the doctors! Or at the dentist with that horrible big drill, which no one likes! The truth is that those shots at the doctor's, and the dentist's drill, do us good. "No pain, no gain," as we often say! Sometimes, pain and hurt is like that, so when it's over we're the better for it. In fact, the best times in our lives often follow the worst times! We need grey skies to see the rainbows!!

Job sure knew all about hurt and pain: remember how God pointed him out to Satan, as a righteous man who loved Him? Satan replied, "He only loves you because you have made him rich! If you let me take away all he has he won't love you any more!" God allowed him to do that, but not to hurt Job physically.

Satan went straight to work and the next day was the worst day Job ever had. Thieves stole all his oxen, donkeys, and camels, and killed most of the workers who were looking after them! God even allowed fire from heaven to burn up all Job's sheep. And it got worse! An earthquake collapsed the house where Job's ten children were having a party, and they were all killed!

Satan sat back and waited for Job to blame God and turn away from Him. Instead, Job fell on his face and worshipped God, saying, "I came into this world with nothing, and I'll leave it with nothing; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Praise the name of the Lord!"



Even after Satan was allowed to cover poor Job with the worst boils you can imagine, Job would not blame God or turn away from obeying Him. "Can we only expect good things from God and not trouble sometimes?" he told his wife.

Even though Job had questions, he kept trusting the Lord through it all. Did the Lord let all this happen to Job because He hated him? No! The Lord loved Job, and wanted him to be the best that he could be. The Bible tells us that trials and hard times strengthen our faith and build godly character in us, if we stick close to God through it all and depend on Him (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Have you found it hard to follow God when everything seems to be going wrong? Too many people are like Job's wife: they only stick with the Lord as long as things go their way. As soon as things get tough, they turn away from God. Don't be like that. Remember, Jesus loves all true Christians and wants the best for them. On the other side of those tough times is the happiness of knowing that our faith is being proved genuine and will one day be rewarded and lead to "praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed."



What Did Satan Ask Of God?



Unscramble the letters and write the answer below:

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What happened to Job's...

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SHEEP?

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CAMELS?

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CHILDREN?

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2. What kind of sickness did Job get?

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# Job's Friends

Key Verse:

**“Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Extra: What do you think about Job's friends?

Level 3 lesson 15

Read Job 2:11-13 and Job 22:1-11

**EASY DOES IT!** Some people are always ‘big mouths’. They have to have their say, no matter how it makes others feel. But we need to take care with our words. We must talk how we want others to talk to us.

Have you ever said to someone, “Sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never hurt me!” It’s not really true, is it? Inside, we all know how much it hurts to be called names and have terrible things said about us. Sometimes words can hurt more than sticks and stones.

Job sat in the dust, saddened by all the terrible things that had happened. He was pleased when his three friends **Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar** arrived. They had come to see Job as soon as they heard about all the terrible things that had happened to him. They all cried when they saw how terrible Job looked and the pain he was in. In fact, Scripture tells us they just sat with him for seven days and didn’t speak at all. They were all so sad that no one said a word that whole time! They just shared his grief and comforted him with their presence.

Now there’s got to be a big lesson in that for all of us, especially when we see what happened as they started talking! These friends couldn’t understand what had happened to Job, and so they thought God must be punishing him. They told Job to confess the big sins he must be hiding! That must have been pretty hard for Job on top of all his grief and pain!



But we’ve already seen that God was pleased with Job because he was “blameless and upright, he feared God and shunned evil” (Job 1:1). We know that God was allowing Job to be tested and tried so that he would be all the better for it afterwards (Romans 5:3).

But Job’s friends didn’t think of that. Instead they just kept up their harsh accusations that Job must be hiding his sins! Can you imagine your friends saying such awful things about you? Job pleaded with his friends to be more understanding. “Have pity on me!” he said, “A man who is upset should be able to count on his friends” (6:14), and, “If you were in my place, I would comfort you” (16:1-5)! But nothing Job said helped and his three ‘friends’ kept being unkind and unfair toward Job. Their words hurt him so much!

The Lord wants us to always treat each other kindly, and James warns us particularly about guarding our tongues and watching what we say. 1 Corinthians 13 (the Bible’s ‘love’ chapter) says, “Love is KIND.” So don’t be like Job’s friends. Always be someone who can be counted on for some kind words when others are hurt and upset. If we remember how much unkind words hurt us, it will help us remember to speak kindly to others.



We dropped these three words and jumbled them up ... can you help us sort them out?



Cross Out The Wrong Words  
*Jonah's/Abraham's/Job's enemies/cousins/ friends came to see/paint/wrap Job because they had wondered/seen/heard about all the wonderful/so-so/terrible/normal things that had happened to them/him.*

1. Remembering what 1 Corinthians 13 says about love, what did Job’s friends lack?

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2. What did Job say he would have done if his friends had been in trouble?

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# Job's Answer

Key Verse:

“ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,’ declares the LORD.”

Isaiah 55:8

Extra: List some things that we learn about God from Job chapters 38-41

Level 3 lesson 16

Read Job 40 and Job 42

**WHO'S THE BOSS?** You don't have to be a rocket scientist to work it out, but sometimes God needs to remind us who's in charge! Imagine trying to put a jigsaw puzzle together when you don't know what the picture is supposed to be like. Or what about assembling a model without the instructions? It's going to make things pretty interesting! It would be the same thing to live life forgetting that God is the One in charge. God rules the whole Universe, and if we forget that, life can be confusing and troublesome!

After a lot of long, 'wind-bag' speeches from Job and his friends, a huge storm blew up and God spoke to Job out of the storm! The Lord said, "Job, why are you saying, 'Why me?' all the time? Why are you always asking Me if I know what I'm doing?" The Lord needed to set Job straight about a few things!

God reminded Job about how little power he actually had and how little he knew. It is God who gives life to everything, who created the whole world, who controls the mighty seas, who gave all the animals their different abilities, who makes the seasons come in their time. God pointed out that Job wasn't powerful enough to do any of those things or smart enough to understand them all!



However, he was still important to God and there were some important things that Job needed to know and remember. God is in charge of everything. He is all-powerful and there is nothing He can't do. God is all-knowing and all-wise, so nothing escapes His eye and His plan is always the best one. God is good: He gives life and abilities to all His creatures and wants only what is best for them. God is faithful and trustworthy too, and He keeps everything running as it should!

This was God's point: just because Job didn't understand all the 'ins-and-outs' of the running of the world, he still needed to learn to trust God and to remember that He is powerful, wise, and good, and He's the One in charge! In the end, Job admitted he was wrong to question God's goodness and wisdom. He humbly trusted himself to God's care again. God blessed him with even more than he had before!

We can learn a BIG lesson from Job and all that he went through! Remember: God is in charge, and He is ALWAYS good. We should never doubt that. God can be trusted with our whole lives, no matter how bad things may look at any moment!



Can you find the secret sentence?  
Colour in the words when you do.

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RKBTSBWZZDNAGAS  
GTHATRETRICCENTOB  
GHIKGODDSAOPPAQW  
WLEMCSISGRNTMRDSA  
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1. What lesson did God want Job to learn from all of this?

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2. Who is really in control of our lives?

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