

JOB

Wrestling with God about suffering

Job is a wealthy landowner and father who loses everything when God allows Satan (the accuser) to test Job's faithfulness. Job's wife urges him to curse God and die, but he refuses. Three friends visit him, sitting with him in silence for seven days out of respect for his grief before giving their advice and offering clichés about suffering. Job expresses his anger, battles despair, and refuses to accept any easy answers.

In the final chapters of the book, God honours Job's request for a dialogue and shows up. He reminds Job that humans' perspective and power are limited, while God's is not. He doesn't explain Job's suffering — Job never learns of Satan's test — but invites Job (and us) to trust Him in the complexity and chaos of life.

KEY PASSAGES

Job 1-2: Is God Fair?

Job 38: God Speaks to Job

Job 42: Happy Ending

KEY VERSE

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding."

God to Job; Job 38:4

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