

Study of the Book of Job – A Discussion On Suffering

- 1.) **Opening Prayer**
- 2.) **Introduction and Opening Remarks** - The Book of Job is estimated to have been written in the time of the Patriarchs, between 1900 and 1700 B.C. In the book, Satan accuses Job of honoring God and being pious because he has a good, comfortable life. God declares that Job will not give up his faith and curse God despite terrible things befalling him. God accepts the challenge, and Job suffers every manner of tragedy but still clings to his faith.
- 3.) **Suffering Defined** – agony, affliction, or distress; intense pain or sorrow. (Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
- 4.) **Job Chapter 1** – Job and his family and material possessions. Satan attacks Job's character and accuses him of honoring and serving God for selfish motives.
- 5.) **The death of his 7 sons and 3 daughters.** The loss of his oxen, camels, donkeys and sheep. He also lost some of his faithful servants.
- 6.) **Job Chapter 2** – Satan attacks Job's health as he suffered with painful boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet.
- 7.) **How did Job respond to the loss of his children and material possessions?**
- 8.) **Open discussion on why God allows people to suffer?**
- 9.) **In what ways did Job's 3 friends encourage him or discourage him?**
- 10.) **Job Chapter 42** – job's repentance and restoration.
- 11.) **What lesson (s) did you learn from discussing the Book of Job?** What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you about how we should respond to pain and suffering in our lives?
- 12.) **Closing comments and specific prayer requests.**