

Read Through The Bible

Week 6 –March 10-16, 2024

Job 35-42, Exod. 1-10, Matthew 24-27:10, Palms 18:37-20; Proverbs 4:1-19

Icebreaker

Have you ever been accused of something you didn't do? What was it?

What is the biggest thing you can think of? (Besides God)

What is the Bible of your profession or area of interest?

Step 1 - GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading this week?

Where did you see God in your daily life?

Step 2: GET FED

Scripture

Job

Job 36:4 (ESV) ⁴ For truly my words are not false; one who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

Job 36:26-29 (ESV) ²⁶ Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable. ²⁷ For he draws up the drops of water; they distill his mist in rain, ²⁸ which the skies pour down and drop on mankind abundantly. ²⁹ Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, the thunders of his pavilion?

Job 37:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ "Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

Job 38:1-3 (ESV) ¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

Job 40:1-5 (ESV) ¹ And the LORD said to Job: ² "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it." ³ Then Job answered the LORD and said: ⁴ "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. ⁵ I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."

Job 42:1-6 (ESV) ¹ Then Job answered the LORD and said: ² "**I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.** ³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' ⁵ **I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**"

Exodus

Exodus 1:15-21 (ESV) ¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But **the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.** ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ **So God dealt well with the midwives.** And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And **because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.**

Exodus 2:23-25 (ESV) ²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And **God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ **God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.**

Exodus 3:10-12 (ESV) ¹⁰ Come, **I will send you** to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “**Who am I that I should go** to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² **He said, “But I will be with you,** and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, **you shall serve God on this mountain.**”

Exodus 3:13-15 (ESV) ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I AM who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘**I AM has sent me to you.**’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ **This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.**

Exodus 4:1,10-14 (ESV) ¹ Then Moses answered, “**But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice,** for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” ...¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, “**Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent,** either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but **I am slow of speech and of tongue.**” ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now therefore go, and **I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.**” ¹³ But he said, “Oh, my Lord, **please send someone else.**” ¹⁴ Then **the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses** and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 5:2 (ESV) ² But **Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD,** and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”

Exodus 6:6-7 (ESV) ⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, **‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God,** who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exodus 8:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ And he said, “Tomorrow.” Moses said, “Be it as you say, so **that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.**

Exodus 10:16-20 (ESV) ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “**I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. ¹⁷ Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me.**” ¹⁸ So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the LORD. ¹⁹ And the LORD turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt. ²⁰ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Matthew

Psalms

Psalm 18:39-41 (ESV) ³⁹ For you **equipped me with strength for the battle;** you made those who rise against me sink under me. ⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed. ⁴¹ **They cried for help, but there was none to save;** they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.

Psalm 19:1-4 (ESV) ¹ The **heavens declare the glory of God,** and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ **Their voice goes out through all the earth,** and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

Psalm 19:7-9 (ESV) ⁷ The **law of the LORD is perfect,** reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalm 20:7 (ESV) ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but **we trust in the name of the LORD our God.**

Proverbs

Proverbs 4:4, 13, 18 (ESV) ⁴ he taught me and said to me, “**Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live...**” ¹³ **Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life...** ¹⁸ **But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.**

Questions

Job

Job 36:4 Elihu, talking about himself says “*One who is perfect in knowledge is with you.*” Do you know anyone like this? Who is the one with perfect knowledge? Who should we listen to?

Job 36:26-29 Elihu proclaims the greatness of God and asks a question: “*Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, the thunderings of His pavilion?*” How do we react to God’s greatness? Do we ever think we know better than God?

Job 37:14 Elihu has just recited some of the wondrous works of God and tells Job: “*stop and consider the wondrous works of God*” Superb advice for all of us. How long has it been since you went outside and marveled at God’s creation? How long has it been since you were absolutely awed by the magnificence of creation? How long has it been since you realized how much God loves you because you realized so many things were created simply for our pleasure? How arrogant is it for us to think we can do anything about this? How arrogant is it to think this world came about by random chance?

Job 38:1-3 Now it is God’s turn. He warns Job to get ready, “*dress for action like a man.*” I wonder how we would feel if God told us this?

Job 40:1-5 How did Job answer when God asked him why he found fault with God? DO we ever say: “*I lay my hand over my mouth.*” Or do we blunder on digging our hole deeper because we think we are right?

Job 42:1-6 What did Job know about God? Have we realized this? What does this mean for us? Job repented of his questioning God. Have we repented of our wrong attitudes toward God? What are some of our wrong attitudes?

Job 42:6-7 God tells Job’s friends to offer sacrifices and Job will pray for them. God accepts Job’s prayer for them. Why would God accept Job’s prayer? Would God accept our prayer on behalf of our friends?

Exodus

Ex 1:15-21 The midwives disobeyed Pharaoh and obeyed God. God dealt well with them. Do we obey God regardless of the circumstances? Will God deal well with us if we obey?

Ex 3:23-25 God heard the cries of His people. God saw their plight. Does God hear our cries today? Does God see our plight? Will God remember us? What passage can you give in support of this?

Ex 3:10-12 God said: “*I will send you.*” Moses said: “*Who am I?*” God said: “*But, I will be with you!*” I wonder how often this scenario plays out today. God wants to send us. We don’t believe we can do what God wants us to do. God tells us He will be with us. What can we do to increase our trust in God?

Ex 3:13-15 God’s name is “*I AM WHO I AM*”. Why is this name important? What characteristics of God does this name point to? Why would this convince the elders of Israel to listen to and obey Moses? How long would this be God’s name? What effect should this name have on us today?

Ex 4:1, 10-14 Moses gives another excuse, they won’t listen to me or believe me. Moses gives a third excuse, I am slow of speech, not eloquent. Again God says He will be with Him and Aaron will help Him. What are our excuses? How can we be convinced God will be with us? What can we do with God’s help?

Ex 5:2 Pharaoh asked: “*Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?*” Do people say this today? How much trouble are they in when they say this? Pharaoh said: “*I do not know the Lord.*” Do we, in effect, say this? How much trouble are we in when we say this?

Ex 6:6-7 God promises to deliver the people, that they will be His people, that He will be their God. How magnificent is that promise? What does it mean that He is *our* God? What are some things that show you God is your God? The phrase “*You shall know that I am the LORD your God.*” will be repeated many times in Exodus and the rest of the history of the people of Israel. It will be said about other people groups many times. Do we KNOW, without a doubt, that God is our God? Why is it important we know this? How important is this for us to know?

Ex 8:10 “*That you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God*” How important is this concept for us? What can understanding this concept do for us?

Ex 10:16-20 Pharaoh realized he had sinned and pleaded with Moses to forgive him. Moses intervened on his behalf. Pharaoh’s heart was hardened and he refused to let the people go. Have we realized our sin against God? Have we asked for forgiveness? Have we returned to our sin once forgiveness is given?

Matthew

Mt 24:1-25:13 The signs of the end of the age and the coming of the Son of Man. How important is the warning of the false Christs and prophets for us today? Are we still susceptible to these? Are they around today? How can we identify false Christs and prophets? How important is it to stay awake; to always be ready for His coming? Which of the virgins will we be like?

Mt 25:14-46 The Parable of the Talents and Final judgement: Which do we want to hear: “Well done good and faithful servant!” or “You wicked and slothful servant!”? Which one are we right now? Which group will we be in when Christ comes, the sheep or the goats? How am I doing in the service department? Do I realize that any service done to others is done to Christ?

Mt 26:1-27:10 This section begins with Judas plot to betray Jesus and ends with Judas’s death. In between are the Passover observation with the institution of the Lord’s supper, the prophecy of Peter’s denial and the occurrence, the prayer in the garden, and the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. How could Judas betray Jesus? What could have been his motivation? Do we betray Jesus today? If so, what is our motivation? How could Peter deny Jesus, doing it calling down curses on himself? He had just said he would never fall away. How easy is it for us to be like Peter? What can we do to prevent our denial of Jesus? Why did Jesus go to the garden and pray? What happened during these sessions? Do we use prayer in our times of temptation?

Psalms

Psalms 18:37-50 David thanks God for equipping him with strength for the battle. He points out that his enemies cried for help but had no one to save. How has God equipped you to face your enemies?

Psalms 19:1-4 “*The heavens declare the glory of God*” How long has it been since you listened to the world around you about the magnificence of God? How long has it been since you have sat and viewed the stars and realized the awesome power and wisdom of God?

Ps 19:7-9 “*Perfect, Sure, Right, Pure, Clean, True*” All descriptions of God’s word in his laws, testimony, precepts, commandments, fear, and rules. What will I do with these truths?

Ps 20:7 In what do you trust?

Proverbs

Prov 4:1-19 Again, the father urges his son to gain wisdom and walk in its path. What are we doing to gain wisdom? Are we following the path of righteousness?

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

Pick one act of service this week and find an opportunity to perform it.

Go outside on a clear night and look to the heavens. Be still and listen to they are telling you about God. Write a praise to God about what you hear.

Meditate on the meaning of Psalm 19;14 and how we can accomplish this is our life.

Psalm 19:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.