

Living Wisely” (Part 5)

A Series on the Wisdom Literature of Scripture: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Job

About Wisdom Literature:

There are three books of the Bible that would later come to be called the "wisdom literature." These three books are the books of *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes* and *Job*. Each of these books explores the same basic theme and tackles the same basic question—**What does it look like to live the good life?**

JOB- An invitation to TRUST God’s wisdom

The Point- The Author wants us to focus on the questions raised by Job’s suffering:

1. Is God Just?
2. Does God run the Universe on the strict Principle of Justice?
3. How is Job’s Suffering to be Explained?

Chapters 3-28: Job and his “friends”

Job’s Perspective—God doesn’t run the world according to justice or God is altogether unjust Himself

His Three “Friends” Perspective—God IS just so Job must have sinned, and horribly at that. (See Chapter 22 for the list of Job’s “assumed” sins)

Elihu’s Perspective—Suffering may be a warning to avoid future sin and build character (chapters 32-37)

Job 38:4 (ESV)

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

Job 42:1-6 (NLT)

“Then Job replied to the Lord:

You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ **I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.** I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

God is not someTHING to believe IN, He is simply someONE to believe. Believing in God and believing God are two very different things.

In the end, God honored Job’s:

- Struggle
- Humility
- Prayer

Intimacy: close familiarity or friendship; closeness

Relationship builds intimacy and intimacy builds trust.

Living Wisely—> Learning to TRUST God’s Wisdom for our lives

How is your relationship with Jesus?

