

GIRD UP

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JOB 38: 3

³ Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Understanding Job

Job was prosperous in all areas of life. He had it all. A beautiful wife, a beautiful family, money in the bank, he had a thriving successful business, he had property, he had his health and most importantly, he had his faith-He didn't just attend church, but he spent daily time with the Lord.

The Tempering of Job

Buckle Up for a Knuckle Up

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Gird: Gird-to be made as strong and vigorous as possible. To be prepared to put in the highest effort.

God Tests

- Challenge
- Transform
- Strengthen
- Deepen

Satan Tempts

- Discredits
- Changes
- Weakens
- Divides

Life Lessons from Job

THEME	EXPLANATION	IMPORTANCE
Suffering	Job lost everything even his health! The greatest trial wasn't the pain however, it was not being able to understand WHY God had allowed him to suffer.	Those who love God are not exempt from trouble. Although we many not be able to understand, suffering can help us to rediscover God.
Satan's Attacks	Accepting God's invitation, Satan attempted to drive a wedge between Job and God by convincing Job that God's governing of the world was unjust.	Learn to recognize Satan's attacks. Remember that his ability is limited. Draw closer to God in moments of turmoil, distraction and disruption.

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God's Goodness	God is omnipotent (all-powerful), omnipresent (always presence) and omniscient (all-seeing, all-wise). Job's suffering seemed unjust, but God was still in control	Although God is present everywhere, at times God seems far away and removed from our human experience.
Pride	Job's friends were certain they knew the answer to his problem. God later rebukes them for their pride. Human wisdom has limitations.	Be careful not to judge others who are suffering. We are not always privy to God's plan.
Trusting	God alone knows the purpose of our suffering and yet he never explained it to Job. Job ultimately renews his faith in God and endures until the end.	Job demonstrated the type of trust we can have when we are girded in the faith. When everything was stripped away, we are to recognize that God is all we really ever had.

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