

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOB 38

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Job thirty-eight is a section of the book that God speaks to Job in order to get his attention and to answer some of his complaints. Often God brings you to the point of brokenness so He might do something in your life He could accomplish no other way. Over and over again in this journey with Job through suffering, Job is seen as asking, "Why?" It is often said by those who are God-followers, as they go through a period of trial and suffering, "Well, I know I am not supposed to ask, 'Why?'" Who told you that? Job asks why over and over again, and God gives him answers, perfect answers! Why did God give Job good answers to His why questions? Because God wants to give the answers, so we can respond and know Him more fully. This is taught throughout the Old and New Testaments. James 1:5 says, **"If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking."** (Contemporary English Bible) When any one of God's children is going through a season of testing and does not know what God is trying to say to them, all they have to do is sincerely ask of God as to "Why?" and God will show them. This is what the

verse says. It also says that God will not get upset or fuss at you for asking why? God brings about trials to refine you and purify you not to destroy and ruin you. You can trust God has His hand on the thermostat during any period of heat and fire in your life. He knows what He is doing.

God needed to speak with Job about His attitude. While God bids His children to come to him and ask why, that must never be done in an accusatory way toward God. He loves you; He wants what is best for you and one can never righteously accuse God of unrighteous motives. Job had to be reminded of who He is and who God is. Job of course, could not answer the deep things God was asking, who could? God knows everything. His creation knows nothing in comparison.

Prayer and Action Steps

God always does the right thing, just at the right time. When we ask God why, which is good to do, we must always be prepared to trust His answers and humbly bow to His Words to us. His Words are found in the Bible.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
