

“On the Way” 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOB 41

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Job forty-one is a continuation of God putting Job on the spot and questioning him concerning what lay deep in his heart that only God knows. After questioning Job about the behemoth, God now turns to another creature, the leviathan. No one knows what this was, but by the description, many believe it was a huge crocodile or crocodile-like creature. This is another case study in what you have been learning as you journey through this 365 Study. In order to understand the Bible, we must understand this guideline for proper interpretation. **“Every Bible writer from Moses to John assumed that the people to whom they were writing understood the language, history, geography and cultural customs of the day.”** Job knew what God was asking and just because we cannot pinpoint exactly what these creatures are in present day, does not mean they are “mythical” creatures. Obviously, Job knew what they were and had most likely encountered them, hence God’s questioning.

Secondly, it is important to remember that God is always correct, true, and accurately precise. There is no guesswork with God. He sees not only what we do, but understands better than anyone, why one does what they do. God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Job had implied and by his own statements from his

friends, which he allowing him to be tested and maligned as he was.

“For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, But God has taken away my justice; Should I lie concerning my right? My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.’ What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water, who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men? For he has said, ‘It profits a man nothing that he should delight in God.’” (Job 34:5-9)

Job, it seems, may have been feeling as though God owed him something since he had been more righteous than other men he compared himself to; maybe he was more righteous than others. However, comparative righteousness with anyone other than God Himself will bring about either pride or self-degradation and depression.

Prayer and Action Steps

In the end, God owes you nothing. Anything anyone has is more than deserved. God is always gracious and gives us more than we deserve and withholds the judgement we are due because of our sin.

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? _____
