

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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"Then Job answered the LORD and said, 'I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore, I have declared that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You; therefore, I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.'" (Job 42:1-6)

The words above express the attitude that is pleasing to God. Job finally understood that He did not understand, and this is a critical summit to which all those who would walk with God must come. In the end, Job is justified and vindicated before his friends. The great heart and way of God is revealed in this pinnacle chapter of Job. God has the final say. God raises one up and puts another down, this is His prerogative, as He is creator and sovereign. God is all wise and always right, just and merciful in His ways and judgment. Job's friends who thought they had it all figured out, did not in reality. They misjudged, maligned and mistreated Job by their words and comments and God

took note of it all. Job had the privilege to pray for his wayward and sinning friends. The Lord restored Job's losses **when** he prayed for his friends. Amazing how this principle works in God's kingdom. When people say bad things about us, we have the opportunity to say bad things about or bless them; that is, say good things about them. The "proof is in the pudding" as the great hand of God's favor rested upon Job's attitudes and actions. The LORD blessed Job with twice as much as he had before. All the friends and family that had forsaken him, now came to comfort and console him. Amazing how that works as well. These people who came also brought gifts. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his former years.

"After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. And Job died, an old man and full of days." (Job 42:16-17)

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear God, help me to repent of all attitude or behavior that is in my life that is displeasing to you. "You are the potter; I am the clay."

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?
