

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Job 28:28

IN THE BEGINNING 20-1

And to man He said, "Behold, the fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

**"JOB'S FINAL REPLY TO HIS FRIENDS"
Job 27:1 – 31:40**

1. What was interesting to you from last week's lecture?

DAY 1 – READ Job 27:1-23

2. As Job continued to reply to his friend's criticism in verses 1-6 . . .
 - a. Even though God had made his soul _____,
 - b. Nevertheless, what would Job not do?
 - c. What would he do?
 - d. How do you think a "clear conscience" helps or hinders relationship with God?
3. a. Consider the questions Job posed in verses 8-10. The key word is "godless."
What do the following Scriptures say on this subject?
Romans 6:23

Proverbs 28:9

Micah 3:4

b. In contrast, when one repents and turns to God, what do these verses promise a Christian/righteous man?
Proverbs 15:29

Psalm 4:3

John 6:37
4. From Job 27:13-23, list some consequences the wicked, ruthless man would reap concerning his:
 - a. family
 - b. wealth
 - c. peace of mind

DAY 2 – READ Job 28:1-28

5. a. What earthly treasure (minerals) does man search for and value?
b. What effort does man exert to obtain these treasures?
6. Wisdom is more valuable than earthly treasures. _____ alone knows where it can be found.
7. What is God's definition of wisdom?
8. (IN-DEPTH) Our Bible is full of references to wisdom. Select one or two and share them with your group.
9. Pray the Holy Spirit will help you honestly evaluate this personal checklist: Am I wise?
 Willing to turn from evil?
 Instructed by the Word of God?
 Sincere in applying truth to myself?
 Eager to obey God in everything?
 ? (Not sure? Read Matthew 7:24-27 and James 1:22)

DAY 3 – READ Job 29:1-25

10. For what did Job long?
11. What were some of the former blessings Job had in relationship to . . .
 - a. . . . God?
 - b. . . . his family?
 - c. . . . his position?
12. Why was Job well spoken of in vs. 12,13?
13. a. Fill in: "I put on _____ as my clothing and _____ was my robe and turban."
b. What spiritual clothing should a Christian wear from Ephesians 6:13-17?

c. Notice there is no protection for the back of a person. Why do you think this is so? (See Isaiah 58:8 as one interesting possibility.)
14. How had Job anticipated his future?
15. What prominence had he enjoyed?

DAY 4 – READ Job 30:1-31

16. Turning from his glorious past to his present humiliation, how did Job describe those who mocked him? Select several phrases in verses 1-14.
17. Which phrases did Job use to describe his . . .
 - a. . . . physical pain? (vs. 16-19)
 - b. . . . unanswered prayer? (vs. 20)
 - c. . . . unfulfilled hopes? (vs. 26)
 - d. . . . lost joy? (vs. 31)
18. Job said "My harp is tuned to mourning, and my flute to the sound of wailing." Have you ever felt this low? Give examples of how you have "retuned" your harp and flute to joy and laughter.

DAY 5 – READ Job 31:1-40

19. In summary of his self-defense, Job made six claims for his former way of life. Condense Job's main thoughts that express these claims: "I was untainted by . . .
 - a. . . . immorality" (vs. 1-12)
 - b. . . . thoughtlessness" (vs. 13-23, 31-32)
 - c. . . . wealth" (vs. 24,25)
 - d. . . . idols" (vs. 26-28)
 - e. . . . bitterness toward enemies" (vs. 29,30)
 - f. . . . insincerity" (vs. 33,34)
20. What was Job willing to do with a written indictment from his accuser?
21. Job was a good man, a good example to emulate in lifestyle. Knowing "where he's at," how would you explain his need for Jesus if he were your friend today?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: