

Day 1: Do section A. Skim through Genesis Day 2: Do section B. Read Genesis 1-4.

Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 1

How the World Began Genesis 1-4

### A. An Overview of Genesis

1. Genesis means "origin, source or beginning." The book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. Look up the references at the left and match them with the appropriate description of what begins on the right.

Reference
1:1
1:27
2:2-3
2:22-24
3:6
3:15
3:21
9:1-6
11
12:1-3

<u>Description</u> The beginning of:				
A. Man				
B. Human government				
C. Sin				
D. Nations				
E. Israel, the chosen nation				
F. The created universe				
G. Marriage				
H. Prophecy, salvation				
I. Sacrifice				
J. The sabbath				

2. The book of Genesis can be divided into two main sections. Chapters 1-11 deal with the human race as a whole. Chapters 12-50 deal with the family of Abraham. Match the chapters in Genesis with the things or people they describe.

<u>Chapters</u>				
1,2	12-25			
3-4	25-26			
6-9	27-36			
10-11	37-50			

<u>Who/what</u> i	s described?
A. Fall	E. Joseph
B. Isaac	F. Creation
C. Nations	G. Flood
D. Abraham	H. Jacob

- B. Creation, Genesis 1,2
  - An Overall View of Creation.
     In the first chapter, we are told about the entire creation. What was created on each day?
     First Day Second Day Third Day Fourth Day Fifth Day Sixth Day

- A Special View of Creation. Read Genesis 2 In chapter two, the story of creation is told again, but this time special emphasis is given to the creation of man.
  - Was Eden a perfect place to live? Why or why not? Would you want to live there?
  - What was missing for Adam?
  - How did the creation of Eve fill the void in Adam's life?
- C. The Fall, Genesis 3
  - 1. How did the serpent misrepresent God? Does Satan misrepresent God to us today?
  - 2. Why did Eve want to eat the fruit? Why did she do it if God said not to? Name some things today we might want to do even though God says it is wrong. What will keep us from doing these things?
  - 3. How did Adam and Eve react to their sin? Is this how we react?
  - 4. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? Was this fair?
  - 5. What promise did God make that would help the human race be reunited with God? vs.15
- D. Cain and Abel, Genesis 4
  - 1. Why was God pleased with the sacrifices of Abel and not with Cain?
  - 2. Why did Cain react like he did? Do people to this today? Give an example.

# Thought Question

How is the world different because of Adam and Eve's sin?

#### DAILYASSIGNMENTS:

Day 1: Do section A,B. Read Genesis 5-7.
Day 2: Do section C,D. Read Genesis 8-11.
Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 2 The Flood Destroys the World Genesis 5-11

### A. Seth's Descendants, Genesis 5

- 1. What son of Adam is introduced in chapter 5?
- 2. What is a genealogy? What purpose does the genealogy in chapter 5 serve? Does it tell us about all the human beings alive at this time? (Hint: Who is introduced at the end of ch.5?)
- 3. What was true of Seth and his descendants? ch.4:26

### B. The Flood, Genesis 6-7

- 1. What was the world like before the flood? 6:1,2,5,11-13
  - Why had the world become so wicked?
  - Do people in the world tend to become more righteous or wicked? Why?
- 2. What did God decide to do? 6:13 What instructions did He give to Noah? 6:14 Why did God decide to save Noah? 6:8,22 What else did Noah do during this time? Cp. 2 Peter 2:5
- 3. Was it easy for Noah to carry out these instructions? Why or why not?
- 4. What did God establish with Noah and his family? 6:18 What does this mean?
- 5. What did the ark look like? 6:14-16 What was Noah to put in the ark? 6:19,21; 7:2,3 What invitation did God issue? 7:1 Who secured the ark? 7:14
- 6. From what source did the waters that caused the flood come? 7:11,12 How high did the waters rise? 7:20 What happened? 7:21,22 How long did the waters prevail? 7:24

- C. After The Flood, Genesis 8-9
  - 1. What caused the waters to recede? 8:1,2
  - 2. By what process did Noah determine when to leave the ark?
  - 3. What did Noah and his family do after leaving the ark? 8:20 What promise did God make? 8:21,22
  - 4. What instruction was Noah and his family given? 9:1
  - 5. What law did God make concerning:
    - Food for man? 9:3,4
    - Murder? 9:6
    - Future floods? 9:12-16
- D. Nations, Genesis 10-11
  - 1. What purpose does the genealogy in 10:1-32 serve?
  - 2. What did the nations do? 11:1-10 Why would God oppose this?
  - 3. What purpose does the genealogy in 11:10-32 serve?

# ThoughtQuestion

Noah lived in a very wicked time, yet was able to serve God with his family. We live in an increasingly wicked world today. Is it possible for us to be righteous when others seem so wicked? How can we keep from becoming wicked like others? What steps can we take?

#### DAILYASSIGNMENTS

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 12-14
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 15-18:15
Day 3: Do Section C. Read Genesis 18:16-19

Lesson 3 God's Promises to Abraham Genesis 12-19

### A. Abram Obeys God, Genesis 12-14

1. What did God ask Abram (later God will change his name to Abraham) to do? 12:1 Where had Abram lived? 11:31 Where did God want him to go? 12:5 Did Abram obey?

Is it easy to move to new place? Why or why not? What did this require from Abram?

- 2. What promises did God make to Abram concerning (12:1-7):
  - A nation:
  - His name:
  - Blessings and cursings:
  - The families of the earth:
  - The land of Canaan:
- 3. On the map supplied, draw a line to show the journey Abraham made from Ur to Canaan.
- 4. Where did Abram go during the famine? 12:10-20 Did this demonstrate his faith in God?
- 5. What decision did Abram make concerning Lot? 13:1-18 What choice did Lot make? 13:11 What promise did God renew to Abram? 13:14-17
- 6. How did Abram rescue Lot? ch.14 What did Abram do when he returned? 13:18-24 Why?

## B. God Renews His Covenant, Genesis 15-18:15

- 1. God had promised Aam blessings through his offspring, or children. Why did Abram think Eliezer of Damascus would be his heir to these blessings? 15:1-3 What did God tell him? 15:4
- 2. To what did God compare the number of descendants Abram would have? 15:5 Did Abram believe God? 15:6 Would this be hard for him to do?

Are there any promises God makes to us for which we simply have to take His word? Name two.

- 3. When Abram asked how he knew he would inherit this blessing, God had him sacrifice some animals, making a covenant, or agreement, with him. He speaks to Abram in a deep sleep and tells him when His descendants will receive the land. 15:12-16
  - Where would his descendants go?
  - How would they be treated there?
  - How long would this be?
  - What would they have when they left?
  - Would Abram be alive when this happens?
  - Why did Abram have to wait to receive the land?
- 4. Time passed and Abram still had no children by his wife Sarai. Abram had a child by Hagar, Sarai's maidservant. (ch.17) What was this child's name? When Sarai regretted her action, what did she do to Hagar? What did the angel tell Hagar?
- 5. Abram was now 99 years old (17:1). He had been in Canaan for 24 years, but still did not have a child. What covenant did God make, or renew, with him? God changed his name to Abraham. What was given as a sign of the covenant?
- 6. Three men now appear to Abraham and Sarah (18:1-15). Abraham showed them hospitality and the men reveal that Sarah will have a child. How does Sarah react? Why?

C. God Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis 18:16-19:38

- 1. Why did the Lord decide to destroy these cities?
- 2. What happens to the two angels after Lot receives them into his house? 19:1-11
- 3. Was Lot able to escape? Why or why not?

## Thought Question

God chose Abraham and offered him blessings if he would believe and obey Him. Abraham had to do this over a long period of time. How is our spiritual life like that of Abraham? Must we believe promises God makes to us and obey Him based on those promises? Is our life easier or harder than his?

- Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 21.
- Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 22.
- Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 4 The Promised Son is Born Genesis 21-22

- A. God Gives Sarah and Abraham a Child, Genesis 21
  - 1. Wha was remarkable about the birth of Isaac? 21:1-6 What did this demonstrate about the power of God? (Cp. Rom.4:17)
  - 2. How didd Sarah act concerning Ishmael's presence? 21:8-21 Why did she feel this way after so many years? What assurance did Abraham receive from God concerning Ishmael?
  - 3. What agreement did Abraham make with Abimelech? 21:22-34 What name did Abraham give to this place? 21:31
  - 4. Abraham once more is described as "calling on the name of the Lord" (cp. 12:8;13:4). Does this mean he was simply screaming God's name out loud? What does it mean?

## B. Abraham Offers Isaac, Genesis 22

- 1. What did God instruct Abraham to do with Isaac? 22:2
  - Why was this done? vs.1
  - List some reasons this would be difficult for Abraham to do.
- 2. Why did Abraham proceed with this sacrifice? How might he still believe that God could keep His promise even if he killed Isaac?

- 3. What happened as Abraham was ready to offer Isaac?
- 4. What promise did God renew? 22:15-18



Does it make sense that God would require Abraham to offer his own son? Does God ever expect us to do things that seem contrary to common sense? If so, name something that seems that way. Should our common sense help us determine what we should or should not obey?

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 23
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 24
Day 3: Do Thought Question.

LeLesson 5 A Wife for Isaac Genesis 23-24

### A. Abraham Buries Sarah, Genesis 23

1. How old was Sarah when she died? Where did she die?

2. Describe the arrangement Abraham made with Ephron the Hittite to bury Sarah. 23:3-20

## B. Abraham Chooses a Wife for Isaac, Genesis 24

- 1. How did Abraham arrange for Isaac to have a wife? 24:2-4 What agreement did Abraham make with his servant?
- 2. Why do you think Abraham made this decision? What guidance had God given him? 24:7
  - How important is it to choose a good husband/wife?
  - What are some good reasons to choose someone as a husband/wife?
  - What are some poor reasons to choose someone as a husband/wife?
  - Do you think your parents are concerned about the partner you choose in marriage? Do they have a right to be? Explain your answer.

3. Where did the servant go? Locate and mark this place on your map. Who did he meet? What happened as a result of their meeting? 24:10-29

4. How were each of the following related to Abraham:

- Rebekah:
- Nahor:
- Laban:
- Bethuel:

5. How did Laban and Bethuel respond to the servant's story? How did Rebekah respond?

# ThoughtQuestion

Who we marry is one of the biggest decisions we make in life. Even though that decision will not be made for at least several years, are there some things we can be doing or thinking right now that will influence our decision as to whom we will marry? If so, what are they?

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Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 25
Day 2: Do Section B,C. Read Genesis 26-27.
Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 6 Jacob and Esau Genesis 25-27

- A. Birth of Jacob and Esau; Esau Sells His Birthright, Genesis 25
  1. How long did Abraham live? 25:7 Where was he buried when he died? Who else was buried
  - - 2. Why did Isaac plead with God? 25:21
    - 3. How did God explain the children struggling inside her to Rebekah? 25:22-23
    - 4. Describe the birth of Esau and Jacob. What interests did they each develop? What was the attitude of their parents toward them?
    - 5. Why did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob? Was this wise? If not, why did he do it? Do we ever make similar choices? Give an example of one.
- B. Isaac Dwells in the Land, Genesis 26
  1. Where did God tell Isaac not to go when a famine came? 26:2 Why? (Cp.13:10-ff.)
  - 2. What promise did God make to Isaac? 26:3-5 Why?
  - 3. How did Isaac behave toward Abimelech? Was this good or bad? Why do you think he did this?
  - 4. What quarrel did Abimelech have with Isaac concerning the wells in the land? What did Isaac do? Did Isaac behave in the right way? What was the outcome?

Can you think of a situation in which it is easier to give in than to insist on receiving what is rightfully yours?

- C. Jacob Receives His Father's Blessing, Genesis 27
  - 1. What blessing had been pronounced on Jacob at his birth by the Lord? 25:23 Would Jacob have to do anything in order to receive this blessing?
  - 2. What plan did Rebekah devise? 27:5-13 Why did she do this? Was it necessary in order for Jacob to receive Isaac's blessing?
  - 3. Describe how Jacob received his father's blessing. Were his actions right? What did he do that was wrong?
  - 4. How did Esau and Isaac react when they found out? 27:30-40
  - 5. What were the consequences of Jacob's action? 27:41-46

# ThoughtQuestion

Jacob inherited some special blessings from God. However, he tried to accomplish much of this by his own schemes. Was it right for him to do it this way? Is it necessary for us to help God bring about His blessings? Are we ever tempted to do something wrong in order to obtain a good result? Give an example. Is it ever right to do something wrong in order to receive something God wants us to have?

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 28-31.
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 32-34.
Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 7 A Wife for Jacob Genesis 28-35

- A. Isaac and God Bless Jacob. Read Genesis 28
  - 1. Where did Isaac send Jacob? Why?
  - 2. What blessing did Isaac pronounce on Jacob? 28:3-4
  - 3. What did Esau do? 28:6-9 Why do you think he acted this way? Do we ever act like this in a similar situation?
  - 4. Describe how God appeared to Jacob. What did God promise? How did Jacob respond? What part of God's promise did Jacob most appreciate? 28:20,21
- B. Jacob Works for Laban. Read Genesis 29-31
  - 1. Describe how Jacob met Rachel. Why did he marry both Leah and Rachel? With whom was he in love?
  - 2. Name the sons born to Jacob in the order of their births. Tell the meaning of each name.

- 3. What did Jacob finally ask of Laban? 30:25 How long had it been since Jacob had left his home? What agreement did he make with Laban concerning his possessions? What happened?
- 4. What did God instruct Jacob to do? 31:3 What two problems did this raise for Jacob? How did the following help solve the difficulty involved in leaving?
  - 31:3-13 What had God promised?
  - 31:14-16 What did Leah and Rachel say?
  - 31:24,29 What was Laban not to do?
  - 31:36 What was Jacob's feeling?

What was the outcome? 31:44

- C. Jacob's Return. Read Genesis 32-34
  - 1. What fear did Jacob have in returning back to his homeland? 32:1-8
  - 2. What did Jacob do? 32:9-12 What did he ask? On what basis did he ask it?
  - 3. How did Jacob attempt to solve his problem? 32:13-21
  - 4. What happened to Jacob before he crossed over? 32:22-32 What do you think God was trying to teach him? What did Jacob learn from this?
  - 5. How did Esau treat him when they met? 33:1-17 Had he changed?
  - 6. Where did God tell Jacob to make an altar? 35:1-7 Why did he choose this place?
  - 7. What new name did God give to Jacob? What did this mean? What promise did he renew?
  - 8. What son did Rachel have before she died?

## ThoughtQuestion

Jacob was fearful of seeing his brother Esau again based on his previous actions toward him. In the end, his fears were misplaced because Esau forgave him. Sometimes we try to solve problems on our own. Does God ever help us solve a problem when we have tried to solve it ourselves? Can you think of an example? What does this teach us?

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 37.
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 39-40.
Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

Lesson 8 Joseph Sold Into Slavery Genesis 37-40

- A. Joseph is Sold Into Slavery. Read Genesis 37
  - 1. How old was Joseph at this time? What relationship did he have with his father and brothers? 37:1-4 Were they right to feel this way? Can you think of any other reasons they might feel this way?
  - 2. Describe the dreams Joseph had (37:5-11). Did his brothers understand the dreams? How did Jacob and his sons feel about the dreams?
  - 3. Joseph's brothers now plot against him (37:12-36). What did Joseph's brothers do when they saw him coming? What did his brothers want to do? Who refused todo this? Who suggested selling him into slavery? What was Reuben's reaction?
  - 4. What did Joseph's brothers tell Jacob about Joseph? Did they actually tell a lie? Were they wrong to do this? Would it be easy for them to keep their secret? Why or why not?
  - 5. Was it right for Jacob to be deceived? Had he done this to others? What does this suggest about the consequences of our actions?

### B. Joseph is Imprisoned. Read Genesis 39-40

- 1. What happened to Joseph once he was taken to Egypt? 39:1
- 2. How did Joseph get along with Potiphar? 39:2-5 What was the secret of Joseph's success?How much did Potiphar trust Joseph? 39:6
- 3. Potiphar's wife tried to entice Joseph. How did Joseph respond? Why was he able to refuse her?
- 4. What did Potiphar do as a result of the false charge made against Joseph? 39:19
- 5. What happened to him in prison? 39:21-23 Why was Joseph able to prosper even here?

- 6. What two dreams does Joseph interpret while in prison? Gen.40 Does he take credit for this ability? 41:8
- 7. What request does he make? 40:14,15 Did this man remember Joseph?

## ThoughtQuestion

1. Joseph was mistreated because he was blessed by God, not because he had done anything wrong. He suffered great evil from his brothers and from Potiphar despite being righteous. Yet, even though taken far away from his home, he remained loyal to God. Is it easy to be faithful when we are mistreated or when others that know us do not know what is happening to us? What is the key to being faithful?

2. Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph and Joseph was forced to flee from her. What are some situations where we might have to flee like Joseph?

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 41:1-36
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 41:37-57
Day 3: Do Thought Questions.

LeLesson 9

Joseph Prospers in Egypt Genesis 41

- A. Joseph Interprets Pharoah's Dream. Read Genesis 41:1-36
  - 1. How long was it before Pharoah had his dreams? What two dreams did he have? 41:1-8
  - 2. Why would the butler suddenly remember Joseph? 41:9-13
  - 3. How did Joseph interpret the dream? 41:25-36 Why was the dream given twice? When was this to happen? What plan did Joseph propose? How was Joseph able to do this?
  - 4. Does Joseph give credit to God for his ability? How? (Also 41:50-52)

## B. Joseph Is Blessed. Read Genesis 41:37-57

- 1. How was Joseph finally rewarded for his conduct? How old was he at this time? How long had he been in Egypt?
- 2. What plan did Joseph enact? 41:46-57 What blessing did Joseph personally receive? What do the names of his children indicate about his attitude?



1. Do we ever have to suffer consequences for things that are not our fault? Is this unfair? Does it give us the right to take matters into our own hands? Why or why not?

- 2. List some qualities Joseph possessed that allowed him to remain faithful despite the difficulties in his life.
- 3. Was God working in the life of Joseph during the time he was sold into slavery, imprisoned then raised to be a ruler in Pharoah? What word is sometimes used to describe this? How do we know God was working? Was it necessary for Joseph toobey God in order for God to work in his life?

Is God at work in our lives? How do we know? Must we obey God in order for Him to work for us?

#### DAILYASSIGNMENTS:

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 42
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 43-44
Day 3: Do Section C. Read Genesis 45

Lesson 10 Joseph Forgives His Brothers Genesis 42-45

- A. Joseph Sees His Brothers. Read Genesis 42
  - 1. What does Jacob do when a famine arises? 42:1-5 Why is he so concerned about Benjamin? (Hint: Where are Rachel and Joseph?)
  - 2. What did Joseph remember when he saw and recognized his brothers? 42:6-18 Why would his brothers not recognize Joseph? How did they explain the absence of two of their brothers?
  - 3. How did Joseph treat his brothers? What charge did he make? What did he do to them? Do you think he was trying to repay them for their evil toward him or did he have some other motive?
  - 4. When Joseph requested them to return with their younger brother, what did his brothers assume about their previous actions? 42:18-24 Did Joseph enjoy this? Who was left behind?
  - 5. What happened on the way back to Canaan? 42:25-38 What discovery was made when they returned?
  - 6. How did Jacob respond to all these events? What did Reuben offer to do?
- B. The Brothers Return to Egypt. Read Genesis 43,441. What was Jacob finally forced to do? Why?
  - 2. Once Jacob was convinced to let Benjamin go with them, what did he tells his sons to take?
  - 3. How did Joseph receive his brothers on their return? Why were they fearful? What was Joseph's response to their explanation?
  - 4. About whom did Joseph enquire when they ate together? 43:26-34 Why were the brothers amazed?

- 5. What does Joseph command before his brother's leave? 44:1-17 How do the brothers act when they are overtaken by Joseph's steward? How do they react when the cup is found in Benjamin's sack? What did they say to Joseph?
- 6. What appeal does Judah make? 44:18-34 What attitudes does he display?

## C. Joseph Makes Himself Known. Read Genesis 45

- 1. Why does Joseph finally make himself know to his brothers? How did he feel? 45:2,14 How does he make himself known to his brothers? Did Joseph forgive his brothers? Was this easy for him to do?
- 2. What did he recognize about God's part in all that had happened? 45:4-8 Why did he say these things had happened?
- 3. How had Joseph's first dreams come true? How did he use this opportunity? 45:9-11 How was this a partial fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 15:12-16?
- 4. How did Jacob respond when he heard the news of Joseph being alive? Why was he convinced? What did he desire?

# ThoughtQuestion

Do you think Joseph had always understood why the events in his life had taken place? What was necessary on his part even though he did not understand? Does God work in our lives? Do we know what He is doing? If we believe that He does have a part in what we do, how should we respond to the things that happen to us?

DAILYASSIGNMENTS:

Day 1: Do Section A. Read Genesis 46,47.
Day 2: Do Section B. Read Genesis 48-50.
Day 3: Do Thought Question.

Lesson 11 Joseph's Family Comes to Egypt Genesis 46-50

- A. Joseph Welcomes Jacob. Read Genesis 46
  - 1. What does Jacob (Israel) do when Joseph invites him to come to Egypt? 45:1-7 What assurance does God give him? How is this different with the experience of Abraham and the warning given to Isaac (Gen.26:2)
  - 2. What promise does he make concerning his seed? 45:3 Where had a similar promise been made previously?
  - 3. What other promise is made? 45:4 To whom had God made the same promise previously? Gen.15:12-16
  - 4. All the descendants of Israel are now listed (46:8-27). How many were there in all?
  - 5. Who did Jacob put in charge of the move to Egypt? 46:28
  - 6. How did Pharoah treat Jacob and his family upon their arrival in Egypt? 47:1-6 (Cp.45:16-20) What resulted from this? 47:27
  - 7. What did Jacob do in return? 47:7,10 How does this fit the promise made to Abraham in Gen.12:3?
  - 8. How was Joseph able tostrengthen Pharoah's power during the famine? 47:13-26
  - 9. What did Jacob (Israel) make Joseph swear to him before his death? 47:29-31

- B. Jacob Blesses His Family. Read Genesis 48-50
  - 1. What provision did Jacob make for Joseph's two sons? 48:3-6
  - 2. How did Joseph expect Jacob tobless his sons? Why was this? What change did Jacob make? Why would Jacob be familiar with such a change?
  - 3. In Genesis 49, Jacob blesses each of his sons. Skim over the blessings that he pronounces. Notice that the blessings pronounced upon Reuben, Simeon and Levi are each affected by their previous behavior. Judah receives a special blessing in 49:9,10. What will not depart from him? What does the idea of a scepter and lawgiver suggest, later fulfilled in the history of Israel? Who would ultimately fulfill this? What would he receive from the people?

As a result of the prophecy in 49:9,10, the promise of redemption narrows still further. Having been made previously to the seed of woman, a promise is made to Abraham and his seed. This promise is renewed to Isaac and then Jacob is chosen instead of Esau. Here God seems to make a choice from the descendants of Jacob and foretells special blessings to come through the seed of Judah.

- 4. Where didJacob desire to be buried? Gen.49:29-33 Who else was buried there? Did Joseph keep his promise? 50:1-14
- 5. What fear did Joseph's brothers have after Jacob's death? 50:15-21 What might be some reasonsthat they felt this way? What was Joseph's reaction? What enabled him to respond in this manner? What does he promise?
- 6. How old was Joseph when he died? 50:22-26 What request does he make before his death? What did this involve on his part? Hebrews 11:22 Why?

# ThoughtQuestion

Joseph had a golden opportunity to pay back his brothers after Jacob died. In fact, they thought he would. What prevented Joseph from doing this? Do we ever feel like there are good reasons for paying someone back for what they have done to us? Give an example. What will help us to avoid doing this?

DAILYASSIGNMENTS:

□ Day 1: Do Section A,B. Read Job 1-2:10
 □ Day 2: Do Section C. Read Job 2:11 - 3
 □ Day 3: Do Section D. Read Job 38-42

LLesson 12 Job's Love For God Is Tested Job

- A. Satan Questions Job's Integrity. Read Job 1:1-11
  - Job was one of the patriarchs (like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), who probably lived around the time of Abraham. The book of Job is placed with other books known as the wisdom literature (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) because of the way in which it is written.
  - 1. Where did Job live? Do we have any idea where this might be?
  - 2. What kind of a spiritual character did he possess?
  - 3. Was Job a wealthy man? List his possessions.
  - 4. What kind of concern did he show for his children?
  - 5. When God confronts Satan, what confidence does he state about Job? What is Satan's answer? What does this imply about Job's conduct?
  - 6. What does Satan suggest? 1:11 What does God allow?

## B. Satan Brings Calamity on Job. Read Job 1:12-2:10

- 1. What kind of problems does Job experience? Describe something that might happen to us today that would be a similar circumstance. How would we feel if this happened?
- 2. What was Job's attitude? 1:21-22 What did he refuse to do? Would this be difficult?
- 3. What does God state about Job's character? 2:3 What added challenge does Job suggest? 2:4-5
- 4. What happens to Job himself?
- 5. What does Job's wife tell him to do? How does Job respond?

## C. Job's Friends Respond. Read Job 2:11-3:26

- 1. Which three friends of Job come to his aid? What do they do when they arrive? How long was it before anyone spoke?
- 2. Job now speaks. Although he does not curse God, he does lament things about his life.
- What wish does he express about the day of his birth? 3:3,4
- What does he desire, having been born? 3:11
- 3. Job's friends proceed to give him advice about his situation. They know he is suffering and presume to know why. Look at the following verses and tell what their advice is.
- Eliphaz 4:7-8
- Bildad 8:3-6
- Zophar 11:6

Is this good advice? What are they assuming about Job's situation that is not necessarily true?

- D. God Answers Job. Read Job 38-42
  - 1. Numerous times during the conversations with his friends, Job wants to know why these things have happened. Finally, God speaks, starting at chapter 38. Instead of answering Job's "why?", God asks Job a lot of questions. List two of his questions in chapter 38.
  - 2. What point is God trying to make to Job by asking these questions? Is Job able to answer? 40:4-5 What other power does God possess that Job could not perform? 40:8-14

We sometimes see injustice and know it to be wrong, but do we have the wisdom to judge in all these situations? Does God?

- 3. What does Job confess about God when God is done questioning him? 42:1-6 What does he admit about himself? What attitude does he demonstrate?
- 4. What did Job receive? What lesson did Job learn?
- 5. Name two lessons we can learn from observing the life of Job.

Lesson 13 Review Genesis

## Answer the following questions based on our study of Genesis.

- 1. What does "Genesis" mean?
- 2. List three "firsts" in Genesis.
- 3. What was the first promise of redemption made by God?
- 4. What is the purpose of the genealogies (Genesis 5,11)?
- 5. What three promises did God make to Abraham? Genesis 12:1-7
- 6. To whom are these promises later repeated?
- 7. What did God tell Abraham would happen before his descendants received the land? Genesis 15:12-16 What reason did he give for the delay?
- 8. Give three examples of how men were already worshipping God during this early time.
- 9. Give an example of how the faith of each of these people was tested and tell how their faith enabled them to overcome the challenge.
  - Abraham
  - Sarah
  - Joseph
  - Job

10. Match the names with the correct descriptions:

a.	Cain	 Tested by God to offer son
b.	Abraham	 Laughed about having a baby
c.	Isaac	 Tempted by serpent
d.	Adam	 Tricked his brother
e.	Lot	 Tried to save Joseph
f.	Abel	 Chose the best land
g.	Rebekah	 Made Jacob work for Rachel
h.	Eve	 Killed his brother
i.	Sarah	 Jacob's favorite wife
j.	Noah	 Offered more acceptable sacrifice
k.	Jacob	 First man
1.	Laban	 Built the ark
m.	Joseph	 Gave Jacob the blessing
n.	Reuben	 Went with Abraham's servant to marry Isaac.
0.	Rachel	 Interpreted Pharoah's dream

