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The Book of Job Suffering and Sovereignty Syllabus

Course Description

The Book of Job is a book about human suffering and divine sovereignty. Paradoxically it is a book about grace and a refutation of simplistic cause and effect explanations of human suffering.

Course Objectives

After completing this course the student will:

1. Remember the basic content and message of the Book of Job.
2. Identify the major themes in Job.
3. Know the major problem passages and their possible solutions.
4. Gain a greater appreciation of Job's contribution to our understanding of human suffering and divine sovereignty.
5. Grow in spiritual maturity by developing the right perspective of human suffering and divine sovereignty.

Course Textbooks

1. The Bible
2. Class notes

Note: The student will be responsible for reading the Bible passage that will be discussed that day before each class and also any assigned class notes or handouts.

Course Assignment Description

1. Read the entire Book of Job at least once during the length of the course. There is no substitute for reading the Scriptures!

2. Keep a notebook (preferably a 3-ring binder) devoted *specifically* to the Book of Job. The notebook should contain the course handouts, your notes, and any assignments that you do for this course. Organizing these materials now will make them accessible in the future as you continue your studies and as you may have opportunity to teach the book.

Course Schedule

Class times are 7:00–7:55 (15 min. break), 8:10–9:00

Day	Session	Content To Be Covered	Assignments
9-7	1	Introduction to the syllabus and the Book of Job	
	2	Introduction to Job (continued)	
9-14	3	Job 1:1–22	
	4	Job 2:1–10	
9-21	5	Job 2:11–3:10	A complete reading of Job
	6	Job 3:11–22	
9-28	7	Job 4:1–8:22	
	8	Job 9:1–14:22	
10-5	9	Job 15:1–18:21	
	10	Job 19:1–21:34)	
10-12	11	Job 22:1–24:25	
	12	Job 25:1–26:14	
10-19	13	Job 27:1–31:40	
	14	Job 32:1–37:24	
10-26	15	Job 38:1–40:2	
	16	Job 40:3–42:6	
11-2	17	Job 42:7–17	
	18	Review	
11-9	19	Go over test	Test
	20	Fellowship	

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Although there are no textbooks required for this course, you might want to consider purchasing one or more of the books below to enhance your personal study. In the case of Job there are a number of fine conservative commentaries available. The following list is a very select list of some that might be the most helpful for you. If you have specific questions please do not hesitate to ask or contact me.

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