

LESSONS FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF JOB
(Job 1:1-12)

- I. The Lesson of SOVEREIGN DESIGN
 - A. Key issue of the book is not “WHY?”
 - B. Key issue of the book is “WHO?”
- II. The Lesson of EMOTION
 - A. Emotion is not WRONG, but can be wrongly EXPRESSED
 - B. Emotion must be subject to TRUTH
- III. The Lesson of GOOD and EVIL
 - A. Even EVIL is under God’s sovereign CONTROL
 - B. God uses fiery TRIALS to refine His people’s CHARACTER
- IV. The Lesson of HELPING Those Who HURT
 - A. Don’t...
 - 1. Ignore expressions of physical or emotional PAIN
 - 2. TALK too much, but LISTEN
 - 3. Become ARGUMENTATIVE
 - 4. BELITTLE the one who hurts
 - 5. Assume YOU know all the ANSWERS
 - 6. CONDEMN with HURTFUL words

B. Do...

1. Empathize GENUINELY with the one who hurts
2. Share ENCOURAGING words from God's PROMISES
3. Pray EARNESTLY for and TENDERLY with the hurting

V. The Lesson of DEFENSE

- A. We can be HONEST with God about our FRUSTRATION and STRUGGLE
- B. We must be RESPECTFUL toward God

VI. The Lesson of PERSPECTIVE

- A. Job's view was SELF centered until he encountered GOD
- B. We learn to see circumstances from God's VIEWPOINT

VII. The Lesson of HUMBLE TRUST

- A. Trust God with a PENITENT and COMMITTED heart
- B. Take great CONFIDENCE in SPIRITUAL truths
 1. God UNDERSTANDS (12:13)
 2. God is our REDEEMER (19:25)
 3. God will RESURRECT our BODIES (19:26)
 4. We shall SEE GOD (19:26)
 5. Our CHARACTER is being REFINED (23:10)
 6. God is in CONTROL (38 - 41)
 7. God is our VINDICATOR (42:7-9)
 8. God REWARDS those who HUMBLY TRUST (42:10-17)