

JOB THE MAN JOB 1:1

We have all met people who are / become a disappointment...

What do we know about Job the Man?

1. Job was a real man!

Job 1:1 THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. **Job 1:2** And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. **Job 1:3** His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. **Job 1:4** And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Thoughts:

- Job was not a literary fiction / fictional character in a story
- Job lived in a particular place
- Job live at a particular time
- Job had a wife
- Job had children
- Job had “friends” ...well, at least he thought so!
- Job interacted positively in his community
- Job was well-known and well-respected in the East
- Job owned property
- Job was a **real man** as both the OT and the NT **confirm**

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Ezekiel 14:20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

2. Job was a righteous man!

Job 1:1 THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant **Job**, that there is **none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant **Job**, that there is **none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?** and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 14:20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

We will deal with this a few times later / again – but for now, Job was righteous*!

- According to the author of Job

- **According to God Himself**
- **According to the prophet Ezekiel**

* Most want to slip sin in somewhere!*

3. Job was a representative man!

James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have **heard** of the patience of Job, and have **seen** the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Job was most certainly real but he also represents:

- **Most / all suffer but aren't as significant sufferings**
- **This was a best-case scenario**
- **If this can happen to "Job" this can happen to me**
- **If this can happen to a righteous man this can happen to a less righteous or an unrighteous man**
- **Being righteous / doing righteousness does not prevent all suffering**
- **This is what to expect → at least to some degree**
- **This is also what to expect from your friends**
- **This means we might find out we have only a few friends / less friends than we once thought**
- **There is:**

Best-case scenario: Job

Worst-case scenario: person who deserves punishment

Normal-case scenario: most of use

4. Job was / became a restored man!

James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: **also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.** **Job 42:11** Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. **Job 42:12** So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job **more than his beginning**: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. **Job 42:13** He had also seven sons and three daughters. **Job 42:14** And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. **Job 42:15** And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. **Job 42:16** After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. **Job 42:17** So Job died, being old and full of days.

When does this happen for a Christian? Heaven!