

6. Read Job | Keep reading Job **with** your questions **and** your lack of understanding.

Past chapter 2, maybe chapter 3, we all start struggling. By chapter 4...the wheels come off.

We will either read Job **with** our questions **and** our lack of understanding → or we will not read Job at all.

Thoughts:

- Read **knowing** you don't understand
- Read **to** understand

- Read knowing it takes serious time to understand

- Read knowing it takes EVERYONE time, effort, prayer, meditation, & consultation to understand.

- Read for **more than** understanding → read for the meaning | Ideas | Wisdom

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; **And to depart from evil is understanding.**

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: **And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: A good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endureth for ever.

Ecclesiastes 8:12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, **yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments:** for this is the whole duty of man. **Ecclesiastes 12:14** **For God shall bring every work into judgment,** with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

7. (Please) **Don't** read Job as your favorite verses of Job collection!

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, **Job 1:21** And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, And naked shall I return thither: The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.

Job 4:7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off?

Job 4:8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, And sow wickedness, reap the same.

Job 14:1 Man that is born of a woman Is of few days, and full of trouble.

8. Read Job **sectionally** | in sections – noting the **natural** transitions

What does this mean?

Remember they are, to some degree, responding to each other!

forward-----→
backward←-----

Read it both ways & keep the sections in conversation as much as possible

Suggestions:

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Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. **Job 2:12** And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. **Job 2:13** So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and **none** spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

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Job 3:1 **After this** opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

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Job 4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

Job 6:1 But Job answered and said,

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Job 8:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

Job 9:1 Then Job answered and said,

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Job 11:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

Job 12:1 And Job answered and said,

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Job 15:1 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

Job 16:1 Then Job answered and said,

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Job 18:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

Job 19:1 Then Job answered and said,

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Job 20:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

Job 21:1 But Job answered and said,

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Job 22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

Job 23:1 Then Job answered and said,

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Job 25:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

Job 25:2 Dominion and fear are with him, He maketh peace in his high places. **Job 25:3** Is there any number of his armies? And upon whom doth not his light arise? **Job 25:4** How then can man be justified with God? Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

Job 25:5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; Yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. **Job 25:6** How much less man, that is a worm? And the son of man, which is a worm?

Job 26:1 But Job answered and said,

Job 27:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

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Job 28:1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, And a place for gold where they fine it.

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Job 29:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

Job 31:40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, And cockle instead of barley. **The words of Job are ended.**

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Job 32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

Job 32:2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. **Job 32:3** Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. **Job 32:4** Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. **Job 32:5** When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

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Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

Job 39:1 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

Job 40:1 Moreover **the LORD** answered Job, and said, **Job 40:2** Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproveth God, let him answer it.

Job 40:3 Then **Job** answered the LORD, and said,

Job 40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. **Job 40:5** Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: Yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Job 40:6 Then answered **the LORD** unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

Job 41:1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? Or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

Job 42:1 Then **Job** answered the LORD, and said,

Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do every thing, And that no thought can be withholden from thee. **Job 42:3** Who is he that hideth counsel Without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. **Job 42:4** Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. **Job 42:5** I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: But now mine eye seeth thee. **Job 42:6** Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent In dust and ashes.

Job 42:7 And it was so, that **after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Job 42:8** Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to **my servant Job**, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and **my servant Job** shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like **my servant Job**.