

Sunday, Sept 3

Read—
Job 9

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ In light of verses 2–11, what is Job’s point in verses 5–12?
- ☞ “Rahab” in verse 13 is not the lady we read about in Joshua 2; this refers to some sort of legendary sea creature.

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard—Praise the Lord that we sold our house and pray for Jeff as he adjusts to college life
- Sunday Services- Believers will hear and act on God’s Word
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42–47; 1 Cor 14:24–25; Col. 3:1

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DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.
CHRIST IS COMING!

Memory Verse for the week

Love Christ’s appearing

2 Timothy 4:8

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Learning Christian Truth

35. What is saving faith?

Faith is receiving and resting on Christ alone for salvation.

John 1:12; Phil 3:9

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Young People’s Ministry Meetings, Sept 2
- Prayer Meeting Aug 30
- Ladies’ Retreat at Peniel Bible Camp Sept 15-16
- Men’s Retreat at Penile Bible Camp Sept 22-23
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Esther: Introductory Material

Purpose—Esther was written to encourage Israel that God will preserve them as a nation, no matter how far they fall from Him or how powerful the foes they face.

Theme—God’s providential care

Key verses—4:14; 6:13; 9:1

Outline of Esther

☞ *Esther shows God’s providential care for and protection of Israel.*

1. Haman’s Feud with Mordecai, 3–8

- 1) Haman plots to kill Mordecai, 3
 - a. Haman’s anger with Mordecai, 3:1–6
 - b. A day of revenge, 3:7–15
- 2) Mordecai’s plan and Esther’s decision, 4
- 3) Esther’s first banquet, 5:1–8
- 4) Haman’s plot against Mordecai, 5:9–14
- 5) Haman’s humiliation before Mordecai, 6
 - a. The king learns of Mordecai’s unrewarded deed, 6:1–5
 - b. Mordecai honored, 6:6–11
 - c. Haman’s downfall foretold, 6:12–12
- 6) Esther’s second banquet, 7
- 7) Mordecai’s counter-decree, 8

2. The Jews’ Victory and Feast of Purim, 9–10

- 1) Jews destroy their enemies, 9:1–19
 - a. Throughout the kingdom, 9:1–10
 - b. In Susa, 9:11–15
 - c. Celebration, 9:16–19
- 2) Feast of Purim, 9:20–32
- 3) Mordecai’s greatness, 10

Monday, Aug 28

Read— **Esther 8**

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

Job 7

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Why is verse 1 true?

☞ What is Job’s expectation in verses 7–10?

☞ In verses 11–21 Job asks why God seems to give no help; how would you answer his question? Have you ever felt this way?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for wisdom in pursuing continuing Spanish learning and organizing the many details that must be arranged this year
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19–20; Acts 14:21–23

Saturday, Sept 2

Read— **Job 8**

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What does Bildad say was the reason Job’s sons died?

☞ What does Bildad think about Job (v. 6)?

☞ Eliphaz based his conclusions on his experiences; what did Bildad base his on (v. 8)?

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray for God’s provision of additional gifted musicians
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Thursday, Aug 31

Read—

Job 4

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ What does Eliphaz accuse Job of in verses 3–6?
- ☞ What does Eliphaz say is the reason Job suffers (v. 7)? What is his belief based on (vv. 8, 12–16)?

Job 5

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ What is Eliphaz hinting at in verses 1–7 and 12–16?
- ☞ Eliphaz in this speech comes close to the truth (vv. 8, 17), helping Job, but remember the previous chapter—why did he think Job was suffering?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for the many visits and Bible studies we have with different individuals and families
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11–16; Heb 5:12–1

Friday, Sept 1

Read—

Job 6

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ Note verse 10.
- ☞ In verses 14–20, how does Job describe the “help” his friends have offered?
- ☞ What is Job’s point in verse 26? How could you apply this in your counseling of believers who are suffering?

☞ What did the king say in verse 8 that Esther and Mordecai could do?

☞ Does verse 12 remind you of anything (cf. 3:13)?

☞ Who is not named in verse 17 but is clearly understood to be active? What application can you make?

Esther 9

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ Verse 26 is one of the purposes of this book, to give the background of this feast.
- ☞ What is the purpose of set days of remembrance and thanksgiving? Does Christianity have any such days?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Pray for Jeremy’s progress on his doctrinal statement for his ordination this fall
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ’s church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24–25; Rev 1:6

Tuesday, Aug 29

Read—

Esther 10

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ As you read this chapter, consider God’s promises in the Abrahamic covenant (Gen 12:1–3) and Davidic covenant (2 Sam 7:16) and how He faithfully and graciously cares for His people.

Purpose and Theme of Job

The book of Job surveys different beliefs about how a sovereign God exercises His justice in a fallen world.

Theme: God’s sovereign justice

Content and Message of Job

1. A righteous man named Job experiences the loss of every material blessing by the hand of Satan, yet does not curse God (1–2).
2. Four friends of Job—Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, and Elihu—try to help Job see that he is suffering because he has sinned against God and so must repent. Each time Job responds he insists on his innocence and demands answers from God (3–37).
3. God reproves Job for questioning Him (38:1–42:6).
4. Job repents of his actions and attitude toward God; God doubly restores Job's material blessings (42).

☞ *God's freedom in administering justice in this world should produce in man a submissive faith*

Outline of Job

1. The Beginning of Job's Suffering, 1–2

- 1) The setting, 1:1–5
- 2) God sovereignly allows Job to suffer, 1:6–2:13

2. The Debate over Job's Suffering and God's Justice, 3–37

- 1) Job's wish, 3
- 2) Three cycles of speeches, 4–27
 - First cycle, 4–14
 - Second cycle, 15–21
 - Third cycle, 22–27
- 3) The climax, 28–37
 - Job says only God has wisdom, 28
 - Job challenges God to answer for Himself, 29–31
 - Elihu's four speeches, 32–37

3. God's Sovereignty in Administering His Justice, 38–41

4. The End of Job's Suffering, 42

Job 1

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Job's priest-like actions and sacrifice at home point to a time before Israel was a nation. How would you know this?

☞ What is Satan's accusation in verse 9?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for wisdom as we plan a mini furlough for October and November
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15; Jude 22–23

Wednesday, Aug 30

Read— **Job 2**

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ To understand the expression “skin for skin” (v. 4), be sure to read the rest of the verse. Essentially, Satan accuses Job of being willing to let others suffer to save his own skin.

☞ What can you learn about Satan from chapters 1–2?

☞ Meditate on Job's second statement in verse 10. This is easy to say but challenging to live, isn't it? How can you pray for the challenges you and others face in light of this?

Job 3

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What is Job's point in verses 17–19?

☞ In verse 20, note that while Job wishes he had never been born, he does not get to the point of wanting to take his own life.

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Praise the Lord for our safe trip back to Argentina last week
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26