

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for the next class in Biblical counseling September 25-29. Marie will be studying and I will be teaching a couple of sessions.
- 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

# Orwell Bible Church

## Daily Devotional

*Sept 18 – Sept 24, 2017*

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***DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.***

***CHRIST IS COMING!***

***Memory Verse for the week***

**Endure and persevere**

Hebrews 10:37

For yet a little while,  
and He who is coming  
will come  
and will not tarry.  
(note vv. 26-39)

***Learning Christian Truth***

**38. How secure is the believer's salvation? Can genuine believers lose their salvation?**

God preserves genuine believers secure in Christ.  
(Key term: eternal security)  
John 6:37, 39; 10:27-30;  
Rom 8:30-39; 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 1

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Prayer Meeting Sept 20
- Fall Fellowship and Hayride Sept 30 1:30pm
- Men's Retreat at Penile Bible Camp Sept 22-23
- Couple's Retreat at Penile Bible Camp Oct 6-7
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

## 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. 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).
2. God reproves Job for questioning Him (38:1–42:6).
3. 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 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

### **2. God's Sovereignty in Administering His Justice, 38–41**

### **3. The End of Job's Suffering, 42**

**Monday, Sept 18**

## Read— **Job 33**

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

**Saturday, Sept 23**

## Read—

### **Psalm 1**

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

1–3 The way of the righteous

4–6 The way of the wicked

☞ What do the righteous do? What don't they do?

☞ What are the differences between trees and chaff? What points are being made?

## Items for Prayer

- Brain, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur and Owen Bollen – Taiwan—Pray that the Zhang family will turn to God and from idols,
- 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

**Sunday, Sept 24**

## Read—

### **Psalm 2**

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

1–3 Rebellious nations

4–6 God's sovereign rule

7–9 God establishes His king

10–12 The nations must honor the king

☞ In Bible times the relationship between a great king and kings subject to him was often spoken of in terms of “servant” and “son” (v. 7).

☞ How does Psalm 1 begin and Psalm 2 end? How do these two Psalms orient you as you begin reading the Psalms?

## Friday, Sept 22

### Read— Job 41

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What is God’s point in verses 1–11?
- ☞ As you read God’s description of Leviathan, is His point the animal’s greatness compared to Job? What is God’s point?
- ☞ One last time—has God answered or condemned Job? What has God emphasized and established in chapters 38–41? How should this control Job’s response to his afflictions? What application can you make?

### Job 42

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What did Job learn (v. 2)?
- ☞ What did Job need to repent of?
- ☞ What was the basic point of Job’s friends? Why did they need to repent?

### Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Pray for our family as Stephanie, Daniela, and Nino are back in Italy and Tom and Angleo stay in the States for another month
- 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

- ☞ Elihu assesses Job’s words and finds him faulty (vv. 8–12).
- ☞ In verses 13–22 Elihu says that God speaks to and chastens men to turn them from sin.
- ☞ In verses 23–28 Elihu says that when men are brought to their senses they will repent and praise God.
- ☞ As you read verses 29–33, is Elihu right? Does God discipline men to save them? Is he right in his application of this to Job?

### Job 34

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Are verses 14–15 true? Why?
- ☞ How do verses 21–22 support Elisha’s point that God is not unjust?

### Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand—Pray that we will develop good relationships with our Thai and non-Thai neighbors.
- 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, Sept 19

### Read— Job 35

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why does God not answer prayer according to Elihu (vv. 12–14)?
- ☞ What is Elihu getting at in verse 16?

## Job 36

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What does Elihu think about himself and his beliefs (v. 4)?
- ☞ How does God deal with man according to Elihu (v. 6)?
- ☞ What is Elihu getting at in verses 23–24?

### Items for Prayer

- Friends in C. A.—Pray that God would draw friends and co-workers to Himself
- Carolyn Moyer
- 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, Sept 20

### Read— Job 37

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What is under God’s control (vv. 1–13)?
- ☞ What is Elihu saying in verse 18? In verse 19?
- ☞ In verse 23 Elihu says that God always does what is right.

## Job 38

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ If you talk about something you don’t understand, you don’t shed light on the subject (v. 2).
- ☞ Can Job answer any of these questions? What is God establishing by asking them?
- ☞ Did God answer Job’s questions yet? Did God condemn Job as his friends did?

### Items for Prayer

- Izaac, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for strength and safety during the school year, especially for the children as they drive to school and back
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through teaching of the Bible, public the systematic worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

## Thursday, Sept 21

### Read— Job 39

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ As you read of these aspects of creation, who is the one who lovingly, powerfully, and sovereignly cares for them?
- ☞ Getting to the end of this chapter, has God answered Job’s questions or condemned him?

## Job 40

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How has Job’s attitude changed from 31:37?
- ☞ Earlier (chapters 21, 24) Job complained that God seemed to just let the wicked go. In verses 8–14 who must Job trust?
- ☞ God illustrates His power (v. 9) by a powerful creature (vv. 15ff).
- ☞ Has God either answered Job’s questions or condemned him? What is God establishing?

### Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray that we will develop Gospel-advancing relationships
- 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