

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 1:1**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. What is the greatest loss you have experienced in this life?
2. The book of Job will help us develop a deeper understanding of God and the dangerous influence of the devil.

**I. WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF JOB?**

- A. There is a human author.
  1. Some suggest Moses or Abraham as authors based on the time and style of writing. (Job 1.3,5)
  2. Outside of speculation, we cannot know who wrote Job.
- B. There is a divine Author.
  1. How did we get the Old Testament? (2 Pet. 1.20,21)
  2. Peter did not base his preaching on man-made stories but on the divinely inspired Old Testament. (2 Pet. 1.16)
  3. The book of Job is part of Scripture. (2 Tim. 3.16,17)

**II. TO WHOM WAS THE BOOK OF JOB WRITTEN?**

- A. In most of the New Testament epistles, the recipients are identified. (1 Cor. 1.1,2)
- B. In the Old Testament other means need to be considered.
  1. The Old Testament as a whole was specifically written to the children of Israel. (Rom. 3.2)
  2. The children of Israel were familiar with the character and account of Job. (Ezek. 14.14,20; James 5.11; 1.1)

**III. WHY WAS THE BOOK OF JOB WRITTEN?**

- A. The book of Job debunks inaccurate doctrinal beliefs.
  1. The Jews believed that prosperity was connected to spiritual righteousness. (Gen. 30.30)
  2. New Testament examples. (Matt. 19.23-25; John 9.2)
- B. The book of Job encourages faithfulness when we suffer.
  1. Job was righteous before he suffered. (Job 1.1,8)
  2. Job remained righteous after he suffered. (Job 42.7)

**CONCLUSION:** With God's people, things always work out.

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*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

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**LAYING THE FOUNDATION**

In 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul made reference to building of the church. He described himself as *“a master builder”* (1 Cor. 3.10). What building materials did Paul employ to build the church of Christ?

Examining **1 CORINTHIANS 3.10**, Paul wrote that *“according to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation.”* The grace of God is the mortar. For all intents and purposes, mortar is the glue that you put on bricks to hold them together. As the mortar, it is His grace that holds it all together.

**1 CORINTHIANS 3.11** tells us that the foundation is Jesus Christ. He is the chief corner stone. The name “Jesus” means *“Jehovah is Salvation”* (Matt. 1.21). The descriptive term “Christ” means “anointed” (Acts 10.38). Jesus Christ is the One anointed by God to be our Savior. The church is built upon the foundation that Jesus Christ is the Savior anointed by God to save mankind from their sins (Matt. 16.18).

Paul says that he is the wise master builder. He laid the foundation which is Jesus Christ who is the Savior of the world and who tells us to believe on Him, repent of your sins, confess your faith and be baptized for the remission of your sins.

## DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?

### REVELATION 21:1

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Heaven is for those who are saved. But do you want to go?
2. To understand Revelations, two points need to be considered.
  - a) The book of Revelation is an apocalyptic book. (Rev. 1.9)
  - b) The book of Revelation is a cryptic book.
3. I want to go to heaven because of what will not be there.

#### I. NO SADNESS

- A. Have you ever had a broken heart?
  1. Life is *“of few days and full of trouble”* (Job 14.1; 5.7).
  2. **REVELATION 21.4:** *“God shall wipe away every tear”*
- B. Why will there be no sadness? Because there will be no death. (Rev. 21.4; Heb. 9.27; James 2.26; Heb. 5.7)

#### II. NO SEPARATION

- A. **REVELATION 21.5:** *“But I saw no temple in it”*
- B. The temple was a place of worship which separated the Jews from the Gentiles. (Acts 21.28)
- C. Today we are deeply divided religiously.
  1. More than 4,000 religions; 200+ denominations.
  2. Yet God only has one religion and Jesus only built one church. (Matt. 16.18; Eph. 4.4)

#### III. NO SUN

- A. **REVELATION 21.23:** *“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it.”*
- B. Why was there no need?
  1. Need (chreia): Literally, no purpose, no duty.
  2. **REVELATION 21.23:** *“the glory of God illuminated it”*

#### IV. NO SIN

- A. **REVELATION 21.27:** *“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie”*
- B. Why will there be no sin?
  1. No sin, because no temptation. (James 1.14.15)
  2. No temptation, the devil will not be there. (1 Thess. 3.5)
  3. **REVELATION 22.3:** *“And there will be no more curse”*
- C. In this world, sin is all around us. (2 Pet. 2.7)

**CONCLUSION:** Will you be there?

## THE FEAR OF DEATH

The reality of our death can be frightening. We don't like to think about the day that we will leave this world behind. Yet we are told that *“It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9.27). There are several reasons why death can be so troubling.

First, death is an unknown. Death is not a mystery. There is much about death that we can know because it has been revealed to us. We learn from the Bible that there is a place where we will rest while we wait for the Day of Judgment (Luke 16.19-31). We know that we will be raised from the dead to stand before God in judgment (Rev. 20.12,13). We know that those who are saved will spend eternity in heaven (Rev. 22.14). However, we have not experienced it. What will it feel like when our soul leaves the body? What kind of body will we receive? There is much that we know, but there are also uncertainties that cause us to fear death.

Second, we might fear death because of what we are forced to leave behind. God not only made this world to be functional and practical for us to live. God made this world to be enjoyed (1 Tim. 6.17). We are attached to our loved ones. We are attached to our jobs. We are attached to our recreation. We can be so attached to the beauty and pleasures this world offers that we do not want to leave it behind. But we need to not be attached to this world. Facing the real possibility of his death, Paul wrote that he had the *“desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better”* (Phil. 1.23). We need to see ourselves as *“strangers and pilgrim on the earth”* (Heb. 11.13). Seeing this world as temporary, we *“desire a better, that is, a heavenly country”* (Heb. 11.15).

A third reason why we might fear death is because we are not currently right with God. Paul warned about the day when Jesus will return *“in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel”* (2 Thess. 1.7-9). The Hebrew writer said that if we sin, there remains for us *“a certain fearful expectation of judgment”* (Heb. 10.27). However, because of the love of God, we can have our sins washed by the blood of Jesus through obeying the gospel (Acts 22.16). When we have been made perfect because of the love of God, we do not have to fear death (1 John 4.18).

Why are you afraid of death? If you fear death because you are not right with God, you can overcome through Jesus (Heb. 2.14,15).