

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 12:1-12**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Things don't always happen the way you expected.
  - a) Rachel wanted children, but God was in control. (Gen. 30.2)
  - b) Joseph's life followed the plan of God. (Gen. 45.7)
2. Job had it all, and then lost it all. In a conversation with his three friends, Job seeks to understand why.
3. In Job 12, Job comes to the realization that God is in control.

**I. ANALYZING THE PASSAGE**

- A. Job defends his intelligence.
  1. Job's friends believed he was being naïve. (Job 11.6,8)
  2. **JOB 12.1,2:** *"Wisdom will die with you!"*
  3. **JOB 12.3:** *"But I have understanding as well as you"*
- B. Job defends his innocence.
  1. **JOB 12.4:** *"who called on God, and He answered"*
  2. **JOB 12.5:** *"A lamp is despised"* Literally, misfortune.
  3. **JOB 12.6:** *"The tents of robbers prosper."*
- C. Job offers an illustration.
  1. **JOB 12.7-9:** In the animal kingdom, God is in control.
  2. **JOB 12.10-12:** Among humanity, God is in control.

**II. APPLICATION OF THE TEXT**

- A. God is always in control.
  1. Nothing happened to Job that was not done by God or with the permission of God. (Job 1.12; 2.6,3)
  2. There is nothing that happens to you, good or bad, that is outside of God's control. (Matt. 10.29; Ps. 104.27-30)
  3. God will never bring anything into your life that you cannot handle. (1 Cor. 10.13; 2 Cor. 12.7-10)
- B. We will not always understand why.
  1. Not everyone gets an answer. (Deut. 29.29)
  2. **ROMANS 8.28:** *"all things work together for good."*

**CONCLUSION:** We may not know why, but we live by faith.

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-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**

## THE MARRIAGE BED IS UNDEFILED

The sexual, intimate relationship that exists between two people has been well defined by the Bible. Let's notice three parameters that God has placed in sexual intimacy.

God has designed sexual intimacy to be very special. In the beginning, God created Adam, then created a mate for Adam, a woman named Eve. God brought the two together and told them "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen. 1.28). Sex was an activity designed by God, and that makes it special.

God has designed sexual intimacy to be exclusive. It is to be enjoyed only by those within the boundaries of marriage. In Genesis 26.6-9, Abimelech understood that sex was to be between husband and wife. He understood that it was wrong to sleep with another man's wife. Paul wrote that a man was to have his own wife (1 Cor. 7.2). He was not to have another man's wife. He was not to have a woman who was not his wife. Sexual intimacy is exclusive.

God designed sexual intimacy to be more than physical. It is to be a deeply emotional experience. The Bible says that Adam "knew" his wife (Gen. 4.1). This is an activity that allows two people to know each other in a personal way that is not known by anyone else.

The Hebrew writer put it this way: *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge"* (Heb. 13.4).  
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## HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

### MATTHEW 10:24

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. In the great commission, there is only one command. We are commanded to make disciples. (Matt.28.18-20)
2. How do you make disciples?
  - a) Invest in their lives.
  - b) Immerse them in water.
  - c) Instruct them in discipleship.
3. To make disciples, we must first be disciples.

#### I. A DISCIPLE LISTENS TO JESUS

- A. **MATTHEW 10.24:** *“A disciple is not above his teacher”*
  1. A disciples listens Jesus personally. (Matt. 28.20)
  2. A disciple listens to what Jesus taught through the inspired epistles. (John 14.26)
- B. Why should we listen to Jesus?
  1. **MATTHEW 28.18:** *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”* The right to tell us what to do.
  2. In our woke culture, people need to know that Jesus has the right to tell us how to live. Listen to Him!

#### II. A DISCIPLE LOOKS LIKE JESUS

- A. **MATTHEW 10.25:** *“It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.”*
  1. A disciple will humble themselves in obedience, because that is what Jesus did. (Phil. 2.5)
  2. A disciple will suffer as Jesus did. (1 Pet. 2.21)
- B. Contextually, a disciple looks like Jesus in conflict.
  1. **MATTHEW 10.17:** Conflict from religious leaders.
  2. **MATTHEW 10.18:** Conflict from secular leaders.
  3. **MATTHEW 10.19,20:** Conflict that causes anxiety.
  4. **MATTHEW 10.21,22:** Conflict from your own family.
  5. **MATTHEW 10.26,28,31:** Conflict that causes fear.

#### III. A DISCIPLE LOVES LIKE JESUS

- A. **MATTHEW 10.41:** *“Whoever gives one of these little ones a cup of cold water because he is a disciple”* (cf. Mark 9.41)
- B. The little ones are the less fortunate. (Matt. 25.40)

**CONCLUSION:** Are you making disciples? Are you a disciple?

## THINGS THAT ARE PURE

What does it mean to be pure? How can I be a person of purity? These are the kinds of questions that Christians need to be asking in a logical, reasoned out process. Paul writes, *“whatever things are pure...think on these things”* (Phil. 4.8). The word translated as “think” is “logizomai” from which we get our word “logic.” The Holy Spirit tells us to think logically about how to be pure.

There are three different Greek words that Bible scholars have translated as “pure.” First of all, there is the word “katharos.” This is the word that gives us the English word, “catharsis” which means, “to purge” (1 Tim. 3.9). This word tells me that I need to purge myself of worldly impurities. This is what happens when, as a Christian, I repent and turn from my sins. The blood of Jesus cleanses me from all sin (1 John 1.7).

Secondly, there is the word “hagnos.” This is a word that carries the idea of keeping yourself away from something that is defiled (James 3.17). I keep myself pure by separating myself from sin. This word tells me that I need to be a non-conformist. I need to keep myself separated from the world and not allow worldliness to enter into my life (Rom. 12.1,2).

Third, there is the word “eilikrines.” This is a compound Greek word. The first part of the compound is “heille,” and it is the word for the sun’s rays. The second part of the compound word is “krino,” and this is the verb meaning “to judge.” When you put the two words together you have “eilikrines” which carries the idea of being judged or tested under the light of the sun (2 Pet. 3.1). You might think of it as holding something under the light so you can see it better. This word tells me that I need to be careful to stay pure by making sure that I make good decisions (1 Thess. 5.21,22). I am to take something and hold it under the light to determine if it is pure, and then make a decision on whether to participate in it.

I am to be someone who has purged my life from sin. Then I am to remain free from sin by keeping myself away from those things that defile. How I do so is by thinking about a particular action to take or what I am about to say and holding it up under the light of God’s word to see if this action or word is pure. Then based on what the Bible says (Ps. 119.105), determine whether or not I should do it or say it. Whatever things that encapsulate this idea of being pure and staying pure, I need to logically think about these things. CLP