

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 10:13-22**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The hardships of life can lead to a crisis of faith.
2. The book of Job gives us an example of how to endure suffering and remain faithful to God. (James 5.11)
3. The challenges of life are challenges of faith. It is through these that *“the genuineness of your faith...it tested by fire”* (1 Pet. 1.6,7)

**I. GUARD YOUR TONGUE**

- A. Zophar chastised Job for his complaint.
  1. Job was being verbose. (Job 11.2)
  2. Job was being senseless. (Job 11.2; 10.3,8,15)
  3. Job was mocking God. (Job 11.3-6)
- B. How do people see your handling of adversity?
  1. Be careful what you say. (Ps. 141.3; Prov. 21.23)
  2. What does the world see in you? (1 Pet. 3.15)

**II. TRUST IN GOD**

- A. Zophar references God’s wisdom. (Job 11.7-9; Isa. 55.8,9)
- B. What can we do when we do not understand our suffering?
  1. Often we will never know why we suffer. (Job 1.9-11)
  2. Be careful making assumptions. (Isa. 53.4; John 9.2)
  3. We are not always privy to God’s plans. (Gen. 45.7)
  4. When you struggle to understand, trust that God knows what is best. (Acts 15.18; Deut. 29.29)

**III. HOPE RESTS ON FAITH**

- A. Hope is conditional.
  1. Hope is only for the faithful. (Job 11.13,14,11)
  2. **HEBREWS 10.35-39:** *“Do not cast away your Confidence.”* We must live by faith.
- B. Hope will make you forget. (Job 11.16-19; Rev. 21.4)

**CONCLUSION:** If we can endure the hardships of today, there is joy coming in eternity.

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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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## SINCE THE CREATION

We live in an exciting time. It is a time of hope and rejoicing because we have the knowledge of God revealed to us in the form of New Testament. Through the knowledge of His word, we can know about God, who He is, and what He has done for us. Even the Jews who lived under the Law of Moses enjoyed the privilege of knowing God through His revealed word (Rom. 3.1,2). Has there ever been a time when God has not revealed Himself to man?

In Romans 1.19, Paul writes that man is without excuse because the truth *“is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”* When did this happen? Paul explains, *“For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made”* (Rom. 1.20). From the beginning of creation, man has been able to know about God, who He is, and what He has done for us. Even without a single written word, man could look at all things created and know that God exists, and He is powerful and divine (Rom. 1.20).

The creation tells us that God is worthy of glory, praise, and reverence (Ps. 19.1; 33.6-9; Rev. 4.11). Today, we enjoy knowing that we have a home in heaven because of Jesus if we but *“serve Him with reverence and godly fear”* (Heb. 12.29).                      CLP

## THE SAVING POWER OF THE GOSPEL

### ROMANS 1:16

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Consider four thoughts concerning the gospel. (Rom. 1.15,16)
2. The gospel does not save everyone, because not everyone believes that they are lost. (Acts 13.46).
3. It is only when we see the seriousness of sin and its consequences that we can truly appreciate the gospel.

#### I. THE ANGER OF GOD

- A. **ROMANS 1.18:** *“For the wrath of God is revealed...”*
1. Wrath (orge): Literally, a slow, burning anger.
  2. **ROMANS 1.18:** *“...against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth”*
- B. God is angry as those who do not revere Him and obey Him, although the truth has been made known. (Rom.1.19)

#### II. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- A. **ROMANS 1.20:** *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen...”*
1. **ROMANS 1.20:** *“being understood by the things that are made...”* The creation tells us about God. (Ps. 19.1-3)
  2. **ROMANS 1.20:** *“even His eternal power and Godhead”* The creation tells us who God is. (Isa. 40.18-26)
  3. **ROMANS 1.20:** *“so that they are without excuse.”*
- B. **ROMANS 1.21:** *“because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful...”*
1. How did they think? *“futile in their thoughts”* (v. 21).
  2. How did they feel? *“hearts were darkened”* (v. 21).
  3. **VERSE 22:** *“Professing to be wise, they became fools.”*
- C. **ROMANS 1.23:** *“and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man.”*

#### III. THE ABANDONMENT OF GOD

- A. **ROMANS 1.24,26,28:** *“Therefore, God also gave them up.”*
- B. God gave them up to three things.
1. **ROMANS 1.24,25:** *“...to uncleanness.”*
  2. **ROMANS 1.26,27:** *“...to vile passions.”*
  3. **ROMANS 1.28-32:** *“...to a debased mind.”*

**CONCLUSION:** We can only be right with God through the gospel.

## IT IS LIKE DEATH

What consumes everything and is never satisfied? The answer: Death. Death does not discriminate. It is not satisfied with only taking a few lives here and there. There is no life that will not be consumed by death's insatiable appetite. The Hebrew writer put it this way: *“It is appointed for men to die”* (Heb. 9.27). Go through the Bible and see if there is anyone mentioned who is not still physically alive. Go through the news and see how many wedding announcements you find compared to the number of obituaries. Not everyone gets married, but everyone dies.

This is not an article about death. It is about those who are covetous. The Bible compares those who are greedy like death. In Habakkuk 2.5, God describes the covetous as being *“like death, and cannot be satisfied.”* The same verse refers to him who *“does not stay at home.”* This is a man who is so greedy that he becomes a workaholic. He is always at the office, always working, never resting, so that he can have the nicer things of life. His greed even drives him to seek gain in ill-gotten ways. Skipping down to verse eight, God continues to say, *“Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house”* (Hab. 2.8)

Why does this individual work so hard and spend so much time accumulating wealth even in ways that are sinful? Verse nine explains that he does so *“that he might be delivered from the power of disaster”* (Hab. 2.9). This is a man who is concerned for his future. He wants to live a comfortable life and be protected from financial ruin. If you back up to the beginning of this paragraph, we learn why. Verse 5 says that *“he is a proud man”* (Hab. 2.5).

Pride and covetousness often go hand in hand. This is someone who wants more and more, so he can live in safety and not worry about what will happen if disaster comes. He is motivated to accumulate wealth by pride lest disaster comes, and he finds himself in need. The one who wants more and more is the same one whose ego would be shattered if he had to seek help from another.

Back up one verse and you will read these words: *“But the just shall live by faith”* (Hab. 2.4). In contrast to the one who puts his trust in money to save him in the day of disaster, the one who is righteous is the one who puts his trust in God. Maybe that is why Jesus said, *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”* (Matt. 6.19,20). It is hard not to worry about your financial future. This is especially true in a post-covid world. We want to be prepared for the next disaster. But don't put your faith in the material to protect your future. Put your faith in God (1 Tim. 6.17).

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