

The Prayer of Job

Study Guide

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Dedication

To all who seek a closer, more trusting relationship with our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My Mother

Study Guide to The Prayer of Job.

Greetings to All,

I am deeply blessed to be able to present this study guide to you on the book, *The Prayer of Job*. The goal of this study guide is to help you enter into an adventure --- an adventure of learning what trusting God truly means. Study the principles in the book and you will learn what it takes to make the necessary changes in your walk with Christ to live out that trust

How to use the Study Guide:

You can work at your own pace through the guide either on your own or with a group. The guide is designed for you to complete one set of lessons each week over a seven-week period. Another way to do it is to work on a chapter a week, taking up to 18 weeks to complete the study.

At the end of each lesson, you can select several points that are particularly relevant to your life at this time. Record these in the review section and determine how to best apply these lessons to your life.

Be sure to visit the Abba's Heart Website to find *The Prayer of Job* Book and other resources to bless your life. I pray that you will be changed in your walk with the Lord as you make your way through this course of study. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

In Christ's Love,

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LESSON ONE: Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2

Introduction: Learn to be Honest with God

"When we are honest with God we find that we aren't nearly as bad as we thought and the Lord isn't nearly as judgmental as we thought." P. vi

1. Finish these sentences: (p. vi)

1. Our God is a forgiving God, so we seek _____.
2. He is a merciful God, so we _____.
3. He is a long-suffering God, so we _____.
4. He is a God of truth, but _____?

What do these statements speak to your heart?

2. How does this sentence relate to your life? (p. vii).

"Hidden truth is the hidden treasure that will buy your freedom in Him. Without the honesty to find that truth, we can never fulfill our call. Without honesty, we will never really know liberty; we will always have one foot on top of that grave, lest what is buried there emerge when we're not looking."

3. What does this statement mean to you?

"When I've become afraid of the truth, religion and tradition replace honesty" (p. vii)

4. King Saul and King David were both servants of the Lord. What was the big difference between these two men? (p. viii)

Chapter 1: Hope in the Midst of Trials

"I had to put my trust not in the promise, but in the One who gave it." P. 3

1. The author related her story of waiting on the Lord for healing for 35 years. She said, "Sometimes, what He says take awhile to happen --- with me it took 35 years" (p.2). What does this teach you about the difference between your idea and God's idea of "a long time?"

2. The struggle between the spirit and the flesh has created "the walking wounded" of this current age. How can holding onto old wounds interfere with your ability to expect good things from God? (p. 3)

3. Which sentence best describes your current truth?

_____ 1. I am a "walking wounded" carrying around wounded faith.

_____ 2. I have never been wounded. My faith is fully intact.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify wounds you might be carrying around.

4. Christ healed 10 lepers. Nine were cleansed, but one was made whole. Here are the differences between being cleansed and being made whole. (pp. 4-5).

Cleansed	Made Whole
Walks around and looks good Plants flowers over bondage Fills life with falsehoods	Missing physical leprosy Heart and motive are without leprosy Compelled to call leprosy out of others Believes in healing for others Sweeps shadows out of your soul

As you study these points, do you believe you have been cleansed or if you have been made whole from your wounds?

5. Prayer of Job

Through his experiences (trials, sorrows, sufferings, etc.) Job learned the lessons of faith and trust (p.7). Read "The Prayer of Job" slowly and thoughtfully. What can you learn from this prayer for your life?

6. Pray that at the end of this course, you will be ready to embrace the burden of your friends as well as your enemies in your prayers.

"Let Him begin the remodeling of our souls."

Chapter 2: The Greatness of Man

"Above all, God is concerned with how our hearts search for Him." P. 9

1. In this chapter you learn that Job had "stuff" that made him appear to be a great man? (P. 8). What type of "stuff" do people have that make them look great?

How can this "stuff" affect a true relationship with the Lord?

2. Job's devotion to the Lord was obvious, but he needed to transform his devotion into intense passion for the Lord (pp 8-9). In what ways do you show devotion to the Lord on a daily basis?

In what ways do you need to pursue true passion for the Lord?

3. "Job's pursuit of perfection caused him to be a good person, but the deep issues of his heart were still hidden from him" (p. 10). Review the story of King Saul on p. 11. Are you trying to exist with bondages in your life?

If so, what are some of these bondages?

How do these bondages cause you to act and react to others?

How do these bondages cause you to act or react towards God?

4. What have you gained through the trials that have been in your life? (p.11-12).

5. God requires "all of our *hearts*." (P. 12). What is the door in the back of your heart keeping away from God?

Are you willing to open this door for God to bring true greatness into your life?

LESSON ONE: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. iv -13)

Identify several important points (three to four) for your life from each lesson.

Introduction:

Chapter 1:

Chapter 2:

How will you apply these steps to your life?

- 1. Daily Journal
- 2. Accountability partner
- 3. Report to Bible study group
- 4. Other:

Search your heart, and then write a short prayer concerning this lesson and your commitment to applying the principles you have learned to your life.

LESSON 2: Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 14-25)

Chapter 3: To Know God is to Trust Him

Faith alone says, "I believe that God heals and delivers," but faith built on trust says, "I believe He will do it for me!" P. 15

1. God trusted Job. Job needed to learn to trust God in the same way. List the ways in which God has shown His trust in you and tell how you now realize this trust.

God trusts me	How I Know
Ex: My job	Ex: I have a chance to minister to the unsaved
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

How does recognizing the situations or challenges that God uses to show how much He trusts you change your perception of your current overall situation?

2. Which statement best describes your heart situation right now?

_____ a. I never realized that all of my current situation/challenges reflect God's trust in me.

_____ b. I always realized that all of my current situation/challenges reflected God's trust in me.

_____ c. I trust God in all ways and in all conditions of my life, no matter what.

_____ d. I realize that there are areas in my life where I do not fully reflect unconditional trust in God.

3. Giving Up Control

“We need to lose control of who we have become and let Him show us who we will be.” (p.17). What things, circumstances, situations, etc., in your life keeps you so tangled up that you have no peace?

What is it that you can't lose control of, or trust anyone with, not even Christ?

What priorities have you so scrambled that you are running in circles spiritually and emotionally?

4. Review the story of Ehud, the left-handed Benjamite (p. 17). What are the challenges in your life?

How is God using those challenges (or could He if you let Him) in your life as an opportunity?

What is He doing for you by allowing this opportunity in your life at this time?

5. Real Praying

“Partial praying is really not praying at all, just as partial obedience is simply glorified disobedience. Partial praying is merely our way of attempting to control God's intentions towards us. We must decide if we want to be a victim of our own fear and control or a product of God's will and desire” (p. 18). What does this statement speak to your heart about your prayer life?

Chapter 4: Consider Me

"God's word must always be tried and tested and proven in us." P. 22

1. "We may not be able to control our situation, but we can control our behavior in the midst of it" (P. 19). Reflect on a current or recently encountered test in your life. How did you react?

_____ I had overwhelming grief

_____ I was steadfast in Christ

2. "Job would have to learn to trust God and let his emotions follow" (p. 20). Name some areas in your life where you need to trust God first and let your emotions follow.

Do these areas relate to the situation you reflected upon in question #1 about your behavior during a recent testing?

_____ yes

_____ no

_____ somehow

What does this teach you about going through a spiritual trial or other challenge in your life?

3. Satan attempts to steal the word of God when it goes out on your behalf. (P. 20). He can only do this when you let him (p. 21). In what ways do you knowingly or unknowingly, invite Satan to steal what has been given to you by God?

4. Jude 1:3 says to "Contend for the faith" (p. 22). To contend means to fight for and actually allow faith to come. How can you fight the enemy and trust the Lord more during trials in your life?

5. Purified as Silver.

Review the story about the woman and the Silversmith (p. 24). According to the story, when does the Silversmith know that the process of purification is complete? (P. 25)

According to Isaiah 48:10, how does the Lord refine the ones He has chosen? (p. 25)

Are you in a "furnace of affliction" in your life (going through trials, issues, challenges)? How does this lesson affect your attitude towards the afflictions in your life?

LESSON TWO: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 14-25)

Identify several important points (three to four) for your life from each lesson.

Chapter 3:

Chapter 4:

How will you apply these steps to your life?

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- 3. Report to Bible study group
- 4. Other:

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LESSON THREE: Chapters 5, 6, 7 (pp. 26-43)

Chapter 5: Job the Worshiper

Theme Sentence: "Find a way to be a worshiper" (P. 30)

1. True Worship

While Job worshipped the Lord, he was able to continue to bless God even after losing his "stuff." When Job quit worshipping and began to complain about his circumstances, he lost the revelation of who God is (p. 26). If you continue to worship God in the midst of your trial you have nothing to fear. Have you continued to worship God in the midst of your trials?

What have you done to continue in this worship?

If you did not continue to worship in the midst of your trials, why not?

2. Finding Purpose and Truth

Look at the differences between Gideon and of Saul as worshippers (pp. 27-28).

Gideon	Saul
Humbly said "I am the least" Was afraid yet obedient Admitted fears to God Worshiped God Proclaimed God's deliverance Became a strong leader Was filled with passion	Had a hard time hearing truth Didn't want worship to cost Let fear rule his life Turned to a witch, not God, for advice

What type of worshiper are you; a Gideon worshiper or a Saul worshiper? Explain your answer.

3. True Inquiry (p. 28)

Review the Hebrew meanings of the word inquire found on page 28 in the book. What do you do when answers to your questions don't immediately come?

Do you wait for an answer from God or seek an answer from another source (turn to a witch)?

Explain your response.

4. The best way to be a worshipper is to be still? (p. 30). Think about your life as it is. Do you take time to "be still" in the Lord?

What are specific ways you can learn to "be still" in order to be a better worshipper?

When our trials come, if we trust God, we can wait for His answer." P. 29.

Chapter 6: Losing Greatness

"We need to walk in honesty and not deception." P.33

1. In the midst of trouble, Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord?" (Job 1:21). (p.32) Have you been able to respond in this way on a consistent basis in the midst of trouble?

2. Past Greatness.

When you said "I do" to Jesus you proclaimed that you would become one with Him (p. 33). Does your life of prayer and worship reflect this oneness with Christ? Explain your response.

3. God cares about the condition of your hearts (p. 33). Do a quick heart check

_____ I am aware of the condition of my heart towards the Lord.

_____ I know God is after the intent of my soul

_____ I strive to walk in honesty at all times

_____ I know my walk with the Lord is not up for grabs

4. God's Habitation (p. 34)

Many "saved people" talk the talk but just can't live the life or walk the walk because of their will (P.34). Are you struggling to bring some areas of your life under submission to the Lord?

In what areas do you need help to strengthen your walk?

5. Paul's Transformation

Review the story of Saul of Tarsus (p. 36-37). The devil can only get to areas in your life that you have not given over to Christ. List the areas of your life that you still need to give to Christ, fully and completely.

Chapter 7: When Fear Destroys Faith

"Our fear of losing something can't be larger than our trust of the Lord with it." P. 39

1. To fear God is to understand and respect Him for who He is (p. 38). What does it show if you fear anyone or anything else besides God?

2. If you declare that you want to walk with and to know God, everything you have is up for grabs (p. 38). What does this truth mean to you?

Does the idea of everything in your life being up for grabs for the sake of intimacy with Christ bring you comfort or fear? Explain.

3. Fear causes you to act in a particular way in your life (p. 39). Look at each of the four ways described in the book and give an illustration of how you might experience this in your life.

a. Fear will provoke you to act on your own. How has fear caused you to act on your own in your life?

b. Fear will provoke you to become impatient. When has fear caused you to be impatient?

c. Fear will provoke you to hide your face from God. How has fear caused you to hide from God?

d. Fear will provoke you to be dishonest before God because honesty requires bravery. In what ways have you been dishonest before God due to fear?

4. Trusting God

Job exposed his fear by talking about God and at God but not directly to Him (p. 41). Examine yourself. Have you been talking about God and at God or have you been talking **to** God, about your situations?

_____ I have been talking about and at God.

_____ I have been talking to God.

5. Discuss this statement: "We can't let fears rewrite our testimonies" (p. 41). What fears hold you hostage?

Have you been letting those fears rewrite your testimony? If so, how?

6. What can you start doing today to get over your fears and embrace true freedom in the Lord?

LESSON THREE: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 5, 6, and 7 (pp. 26 -43)

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Chapter 5

Chapter 6

Chapter 7

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LESSON FOUR: Chapters 8, 9, 10 (pp. 44-60)

Chapter 8: When Grief is Greater Than Grace

"If our grief has become greater than God's grace, maybe we don't understand what grace is" (P. 48)

1. "Jobs friends recognized his fear" (pp. 44-45). Others can see when you have fear about a situation. Discuss the ways your fears could have been evident to others when you have been in a trial.

2. Perfect Peace

Isaiah 26:3-4 provides evidence that the Lord intends for us to have perfect peace (p. 46). Following are characteristics of those who have peace in the Lord. Check all that apply to you.

- 1. Perfect peace leaves no room for fear. I have no fear.
- 2. Perfect peace comes from fixing our minds on Him because we know His word and we know Him. I have my mind fixed on Him.
- 3. Perfect peace comes from finding a place deeper than we are. I have found a place deeper than myself.
- 4. Perfect peace comes from the Lord himself. I receive the peace that comes from the Lord in my life.

3. "Nothing of great value is regularly obtained without a degree of pain and sorrow" (P. 46). Discuss ways God has used pain and sorrow for the good in your life?

Have you been able to recover quickly from your pain and sorrow to praise God for His good?

4. Functioning in God's Power

Isaiah 42:3 says "a bruised reed shall he not break." This means God will not give you more than you can bear. Have you ever had a time in your life when you thought you would not be able to bear the pain and sorrow you were experiencing? If so, what did you do?

5. Grace is your ability to walk in Christ with power and authority over all things, including your grief (p. 48). How does this truth bring you comfort?

Chapter 9: Is Your Righteousness Bigger than God's?

"Ignoring God's heart causes us to become worse than the enemy that we are so willing to curse." P. 53

1. Job moved away from being a worshiper and became self-righteous. Discuss what happens when there is self-righteousness in the life of a believer (p. 49).

2. Temptations Abound

King Hezekiah was a great king for a long time. At what point did Hezekiah get into trouble? (P. 52)

How can pride slip in and affect your walk with the Lord?

What does the story of Hezekiah's downfall teach you about how pride and self-righteousness can affect your life?

3. God's Righteousness, p. 53

God's righteousness is always seeking souls (p. 53). What is your righteousness seeking? Search your heart, then check which apply to you.

- _____ I seek to pray as Jesus prays
- _____ I pray for my enemies
- _____ I allow Christ to shed tears through us
- _____ I pay attention to God's heart for the lost

4. Are you seeking God for the lost?

If you are not praying fervently for the lost, who do you think is praying for them instead?

Chapter 10: Maintaining Your Ways

"There is no life in maintaining your own ways." P. 58

1. How does your life show that you trust God to pull fear (depression, fear, sorrow, etc.) out of you? (pp. 56-57)

2. From your attitude, lifestyle, and level of trust in God, does it seem that: (pp. 56-57)

- | | | |
|--|------|-------|
| a. I'd rather die than be sanctified | True | False |
| b. I'd rather die than be purified | True | False |
| c. I'd rather die than have my ugliness burned out by the Lord, who is a "consuming fire". | True | False |
| d. I have faith and trust to believe Christ for a miracle | True | False |

3. Job's Stubbornness

When a person attempts to maintain their own ways instead of submitting their life to God's way, they invite trouble, heartache and death into their life (p. 57). Is it possible that you are trying to maintain your own ways in certain areas of your life?

How can you begin to submit your life to God?

4. Elijah's Withdrawal

Elijah lost his ministry due to his fears (pp. 58-60). In what ways could fear come in and make you lose your ministry?

Using Elijah's story as an example, explain how fear can cause you to distort the truth about your situation?

5. Trusting God with Life

What issues of the flesh could become a problem for the believer and could eventually grow stronger and louder than Christ in the believer?" (p. 60)

LESSON FOUR: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 8, 9, and 10 (pp. 44-60)

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LESSON FIVE: Chapters 11, 12, 13 (pp. 61-76)

Chapter 11: Judging Ourselves

"If you have no confidence in the Lord then you'll never be able to judge yourself and pray the Prayer of Job" P. 62

1. Are you ready to desire the "words of the Lord more than food"? How does your life reflect this? (p. 61)

2. Confidence

Confidence in the Lord means having full trust in Him (p. 62). In what ways do you show that you have full confidence in the Lord?

3. How did the lives of Solomon, Hannah and Jonah show concepts of right and wrong self-judgment? Review their stories in the book and put a mark in the category that best describes the actions of each of these Biblical characters (pp. 63-64).

	Humbly Believed God	Mad at God	Had confidence in God	Turned away from God
Solomon				
Hannah				
Jonah				

What can you learn from the examples of these Biblical characters?

4. Before you can repent and humble yourself before God you must pray Job's prayer and judge yourself (p. 60). Which applies to you?

_____ I am ready to pray the prayer of Job

_____ I am ready to judge myself

Chapter 12: From Hearing to Seeing

"Clear vision requires honesty." P. 67

1. Your heart must be ready to pray the Prayer of Job (p. 66).

Do you abhor our own selfish motives? ___ yes ___ no

Do you repent of your selfish motives? ___ yes ___ no

2. You must move from hearing to seeing the Lord in your life. What steps can you take to hear and see the Lord more clearly?

How can you keep your heart and mind on where the Lord is taking you?

3. God is in charge of everything. When Job was reminded of this, his trust in God emerged (pp. 67-68).

What does it mean to you to remember that God is in charge of everything?

4. Review the definitions of "to press" and "to touch" as provided in the book in the story of the woman with the issue of blood (pp. 68-69).

To press = trying to put your will upon Christ, approaching Him to insist on having your own ways.

To touch = (Webster's definition) to handle or feel gently usually with the intent to understand or appreciate.

According to these definitions, have you been trying to press, or to touch, the hem of Christ?

Chapter 13: Job's Prayer

"Job trusted God enough to pray for his enemies." P. 71

1. Job prayed for his enemies because of his trust in God. When is the last time you prayed for your enemies?

What were the circumstances?

How did praying for your enemies affect your heart?

2. It is risky to pray for your enemies because they receive your blessings and favor along with your forgiveness (p.72). Does knowing this make you more or less inclined to pray for your enemies?

What are the benefits of honestly praying for your enemies and judging yourself in the process?

3. Relationship or Fellowship

Study the differences between relationship and fellowship on pages 72-73. Then fill in the following graph.

	Rests in:	Relationship to Prayer of Job	Relationship With Others
Relationship			
Fellowship			

4. When you honestly judge yourself first, how will your judgment of others be changed?
(p. 73)

5. Abundance Results

The rich young man would not judge what was in his heart in order to pray the Prayer of Job (p. 75). When you are willing to judge yourself, what will the Holy Spirit reveal to you?

6. Twice as Much

After Job prayed as the Lord instructed, God blessed Job with more than at the beginning (p. 75). Express what this speaks to your heart as you anticipate praying the Prayer of Job.

LESSON FIVE: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 11, 12 and 13 (pp. 61-76)

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Chapter 12:

Chapter 13:

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LESSON SIX: Chapters 14, 15, 16 (pp. 77-88)

Chapter 14: Find A Mirror, Not A Telescope!

"Judging ourselves is the best gift, and we should learn to love it" P. 80

1. Look up the meaning of the word "judge" in Matthew 7:1-5 on p. 77 of the book. Why must you first apply this concept to yourself, not other people?
2. What is your end of the deal to receive a prophetic utterance from the Lord? (p. 78).

Are you holding up your end?

If not, what steps can you take now to change this?

3. Righteous Judgment (p. 78)

What is the difference between righteous judgment and fruit judgment? (p. 78-79)

Righteous Judgment

Fruit Judgment

What happens when the wrong type of judgment is used?

4. Knowing God

Review the story of Daniel (pp. 80-81). What did you learn from Daniel about having confidence in God?

5. When you judge others, what are you actually trying to do to that other person? (P. 81)

6. Instead of judging others, how could you be used by God to help others? (P. 81)

7. In the awesome vision of the heavenly courtroom described by Sandi, Jesus repeats the words, "Father, I died for them, I died for them" in His defense of us (p. 82). What does this mean to you?

How does it affect your heart?

Chapter 15: Did They Put You In Bondage When You Weren't Looking?

"Reconciliation doesn't take prisoners; it just gets the job done." P. 84

1. What does it mean to "reconcile?" (p. 84)
2. What is the only way to resolve a conflict you didn't start? (P. 84)
3. Has God ever had to wait for you to pray for someone and you just wouldn't do it?" (p. 85)

Are there people you are ready to pray for now that you understand God's heart on this matter?

4. Reconciliation

Review the story of Onesimus and Philemon. What lesson of reconciliation does this story teach you? (P. 85-86)

5. Review the incident of Sandi's confrontation with the rude woman (pp. 86-88). What does this incident teach about the believer's role and responsibility in the ministry of reconciliation?

6. When it comes to reconciliation, at what point can you release the problem person to the Lord? (pp.87-88).

7. Pray about the people in your life you really need to be reconciled to. Have you done all you can to bring about reconciliation?

What else can you do?

Is it time to honestly release them to the Lord?

Chapter 16: Enemy Praying

"Prayer will either exhaust you or empower you, depending on whose strength you are using when you do it --- yours or the Holy Spirit's." PP. 89-90.

Enemy List:

It is time to name those you will be praying for when you pray the Prayer of Job. Use the following guides to name these people:

1. People who became your enemy because you weren't ready to change your heart about a situation (p. 45).
2. People you have wrongfully accused before God of being an enemy because you wouldn't judge yourself (p. 78).
3. People who truly are your enemies; they have wronged you, persecuted you, etc.
4. Any others you need to name at this time.

Now, proceed to understand how to do the three things necessary to effectively pray for your enemies.

1. Pray for Them

Define the word "pray" as used in Matthew 5:44 (p. 90).

What do you need in your heart to honestly pray for your enemies?

List several reasons why God brings difficult people (such as the ones you have listed) across your path or into your life (p. 91).

2. Worship God

Give the translation for worship as it relates to Matthew 5:44 (p. 91).

What does it mean to worship God because of your enemies? (p. 91)

What happens when you praise God for your enemies? (pp. 91-92).

In what manner should you pray for your enemies? (P. 92)

3. Bless Them

Give the additional translation of "bless" as provided in this section (p. 92).

What good qualities can you think of about each of your enemies?

What problems, torments, troubles, challenges, are your enemies facing that you can lift up in prayer for them?

4. Are you ready to fervently and honestly pray for your enemies?

LESSON SIX: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 14, 15 and 16 (pp. 77-93)

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Chapter 15:

Chapter 16:

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- 2. Accountability partner
- 3. Report to Bible study group
- 4. Other?

Search your heart, and then write a short prayer concerning this lesson and your commitment to applying the principles you have learned to your life.

LESSON SEVEN: Chapters 17, 18, Prayer of Job (pp. 94-103)

Chapter 17: Your Captivity Will Turn

"It's God's will and desire for you to live full of days!" P. 94

1. Your life should move from glory to glory and get better and better (p.94). Answer true or false to these questions:

- a. Is there a bondage in your heart towards your enemies? ___yes ___no
- b. Have you found and identified that bondage? ___ yes ___no
- c. Are you ready to pray the Prayer of Job yet? ___ yes ___no
- d. Do you feel that "they" (your enemies) have ___ yes ___no
not earned or deserved your prayers yet?

2. Power of His Promises (p. 95)

Review Sandi's story about the challenge in her life that led to the revelation of this book (pp. 95-97). Check the following statements that are true for you:

- _____ I understand that God loves my adversaries, the ones who are persecuting and spitefully using me.
- _____ I feel the Lord's pain concerning those I call my enemies.
- _____ I feel provoked to pray for my enemies.
- _____ I realize that praying for my enemies is risky business; they will receive my blessings, favor, and forgiveness.
- _____ I am willing to judge myself as wrong.
- _____ I am willing to pray life into my enemies.
- _____ I understand that it is better to inquire of God about His timing and avoid confusion and disappointment later.
- _____ I am fully ready and able to pray the Prayer of Job for my enemies.

3. Is it possible that you could be harboring sin in your heart? Are you willing to ask God to reveal the secrets of your heart to you?

Chapter 18: New Destinations

"May we live in resurrection and not in the tomb." P. 99

1. The Lord wants your willingness to obey Him at all costs (p. 99). Are you willing to obey God at all costs? Explain your response.

2. Check all you know to be true (p. 99-100)

- It has never been a matter of if God would bless me. It's a matter of will I let Him bless me.
- I can trust God to accomplish all He has said He will.
- God will be faithful to me.
- God would honor me.
- God loves me.

3. Job had to remember all that was true about God and all that he had become as he approached the privilege to pray for his enemies (p. 100). What have you become in the Lord during the course of this study?

Are you ready to approach the privilege to pray for your enemies?

4. Have you found a hidden captivity in your heart during this study?

Are you ready to be released of that captivity by praying the Prayer of Job for your enemies?

5. Sandi says she often imagines that the person she is serving is actually Jesus (p. 102). How would thinking of the person you are serving as Jesus change your perspective?

Praying the Prayer of Job

Prepare your heart to pray the Prayer of Job. Turn to page 103. Write the prayer as you find it except for the last sentence. At the last sentence insert the name of a person from your enemy list and pray for that person in a personal way. For example:

“Lord, as for (insert name), who has come against me, I ask you to turn your anger from (her/him), forgive (her/him), and bless (her/him) abundantly.”

Take the time to write this final sentence for each person on your list. When you have finished, lift your heart up in thanksgiving, praise, and worship to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Write the Prayer of Job:

Write the last sentence in a personalized way for every person on your list. Use extra space as needed to complete your list.

“May you have great success in all that He set your hands to do!” P. 103

LESSON SEVEN: REVIEW AND APPLICATION

Chapters 17 and 18 and Prayer of Job (pp. 89-103)

Identify several important points (three to four) for your life from each lesson.

Chapter 17

Chapter 18:

Prayer of Job

How will you apply these steps to your life?

- 1. Daily Journal
- 2. Accountability partner
- 3. Report to Bible study group
- 4. Other?

Search your heart, and then write a short prayer concerning this lesson and your commitment to applying the principles you have learned to your life.

Chapter Scripture

All of the scriptures found in each chapter are listed here. Each of these chapter scripture groupings can be an additional Bible Study.

Introduction: Study the chapter scripture verses to understand how they relate to your truthfulness with God.

Daniel 11:32	2 Chronicles 16:9
Hebrews 12:29	Isaiah 48:10
Proverbs 21:16	

Chapter 1: Study to understand how these scripture relate to your hope in the midst of trials.

Proverbs 21:16	Ezra 7:6
Luke 17	

Chapter 2: Review these scriptures and reflect on the perceived greatness of man.

Job 1:1-3	Job 1:21
Genesis 17:1	Hebrews 12
Genesis 22:10-12	

Chapter 3: How do these scriptures help you to know God in order to trust Him?

Job 1:6-7	Psalms 20:7
Judges 3:15-31	

Chapter 4: How do the scriptures speak to how God considers His chosen ones?

Job 1:8	Job 23:10
Job 7:17-18	Psalms 105:17-19
Ephesians 6:12	Psalms 105:19
Jude 1:3	James 1:12
James 1:12	Philippians 4:13
2 Corinthians 12	Malachi 3:3-4
Isaiah 48:10	Psalms 27:13-14

Chapter 5: Reflect on how the chapter scriptures help you to find a way to be a worshiper.

Job 1:20-22	Judges 6:12
Judges 7: 15	1 Samuel 28:5-8
1 Chronicles 10:13-14	Psalms 46:10

Chapter 6: Reflect on how the scriptures talk about losing greatness.

Job 2:7-9	Job 1:21
Job 29	Psalms 51:11
Matthew 6:33	Matthew 7:23
Romans 12:2	2Chronicles 16:9
Philippians 3:10	

Chapter 7: Reflect on how the scriptures talk about what happens when fear destroys faith.

Job 3:25

Psalm 42:7

Job 9:34-35

1 Samuel 17:24

Chapter 8: Reflect on how the scriptures talk about when grief is greater than grace in the life of the believer.

Job 2:12-13

Job 11:15, 19

Job 11:15

Job 5:26

Isaiah 26:3-4

Jeremiah 1:19

Romans 8:28

Isaiah 42:3

Isaiah 5:3-4

1 Peter 2:19

Job 5:26

Chapter 9: How do the scriptures talk about the righteousness of people?

Job 32:1

2 Chronicles 29:1

2 Chronicles 32:27, 29

2 Chronicles 30:27

2 Chronicles 32:23-26

Isaiah 39:8

2 Peter 3:9

Chapter 10: Reflect on how the scriptures speak to maintaining your ways.

Job 13:15

1 Kings 19:14

Chapter 11: How do the scriptures talk about judging ourselves?

Job 23:11-12

2 Chronicles 6:18

2 Corinthians 7:11 Peter 4:17

2 Chronicles 7:1-2

2 Chronicles 7:12-15

1 Samuel 1:10

Jonah 2:1

Chapter 12: Reflect on how the scriptures speak about moving from hearing to seeing.

Job 42:5-6

Job 38-41

Luke 8:46

Chapter 13: Find Job's Prayer in these scriptures.

Job 42:10

Job 42:8

Luke 18:22

Chapter 14: Find a mirror and not a telescope in these scriptures.

Matthew 7:1-5

John 7:24

Daniel 9:18

James 4:12

Chapter 15: Find aspects of reconciliation in these scriptures.

Matthew 5:23-24

Job 42:8

Chapter 16: How do these scriptures address the issue of enemy praying?

Matthew 5:43-48

Matthew 5:44

Chapter 17: Reflect on how these scriptures speak to how your captivity with turn.

Job 42:12, 16-17

Jeremiah 29:11-14

3 John 2-3

Chapter 18: How do these scriptures speak about new destinations?

Job 4:4

Colossians 3:23-24

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