

Bible Character series of readings – week 37

10th July 16

Monday: Job 1:1-12. Notice two truths today: 1. Satan cannot touch us without God permitting it. 2. God sometimes allows the enemy to attack in order to fulfil his purpose in our life. How should you pray and respond in the light of these truths today?

Tuesday: Job 1:13-22. What do you learn from Job's prayer and response to hardship and suffering in verses 21 & 22?

Wednesday: Job 2:11-13; 4:1-10. Job's three friends have a simple view that when bad things happen, it is punishment from God for our sin. How would you answer someone who suggests that sickness is God's judgement upon the sick person?

Thursday: Job 38:1-27. Job has received no comfort from the counsel of his friends but the voice of God through a storm challenges his self-pity. He doesn't gain any insight into his own condition, but his experience of God changes his perspective on life. Has this been true in your experience?

Friday: Job 42:1-17. What stands out for you in this passage? Job's humility (verses 1-6)? His willingness to pray for his misguided friends (verses 7-9)? Job's later blessings (verses 10-17)? What do you need to apply in your life today?