

JOB – SELECTED VERSES

Chapter 6

Then Job spoke again:

² “If my misery could be weighed and my troubles be put on the scales,

³ they would outweigh all the sands of the sea. That is why I spoke impulsively.

⁴ For the Almighty has struck me down with his arrows. Their poison infects my spirit.

God’s terrors are lined up against me.

⁸ “Oh, that I might have my request, that God would grant my desire.

⁹ I wish he would crush me. I wish he would reach out his hand and kill me.

¹⁰ At least I can take comfort in this:

Despite the pain, I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

¹¹ But I don’t have the strength to endure. I have nothing to live for.

¹² Do I have the strength of a stone? Is my body made of bronze?

¹³ No, I am utterly helpless, without any chance of success.

Chapter 23

¹⁰⁻¹² “But God knows where I am and what I’ve done.

He can cross-examine me all he wants, and I’ll pass the test with honours.

I’ve followed him closely, my feet in his footprints, not once swerving from his way.

I’ve obeyed every word he’s spoken, and not just obeyed his advice—I’ve *treasured* it.

¹³⁻¹⁷ “But God is singular and sovereign. Who can argue with him?

He does what he wants, when he wants to.

He’ll complete in detail what he’s decided about me, and whatever else he determines to do.

Chapter 19

I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.

²⁶ And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God!

²⁷ I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!

Chapter 38

now, finally, GOD answered Job from the eye of a violent storm. He said:

²⁻¹¹ “Why do you confuse the issue?

Why do you talk without knowing what you’re talking about?

Pull yourself together, Job! Up on your feet! Stand tall!

I have some questions for you, and I want some straight answers.

Where were you when I created the earth?

Tell me, since you know so much!

Who decided on its size? Certainly you’ll know that!

Who came up with the blueprints and measurements?

How was its foundation poured, and who set the cornerstone,

While the morning stars sang in chorus and all the angels shouted praise?

“Do you know where Light comes from and where Darkness lives

So you can take them by the hand and lead them home when they get lost?

Why, of *course* you know that....

Chapter 42

¹⁻⁶ Job answered GOD:

“I’m convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

You asked, ‘Who is this muddying the water,

ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?’

I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me,

made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, ‘Listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. *You* give the answers.’

I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I’m sorry—forgive me. I’ll never do that again, I promise!

I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumour.”