

Course Outline

Introduction:

- a. Job, the man
 - i. Conversation as the structure
 - ii. Dialogue between God and Satan
 - iii. High literary value
- b. Authorship: Two views
 - i. A writer from Solomon's time, the golden literary age of Israel
 - ii. Job himself
- c. Some outstanding truths
 - i. A revelation of the mind of man at its highest level, yet in its limitations
 - ii. The ability of men of an early time to think well
 - iii. The fact that people other than Abraham and his descendents worshipped the true God
 - iv. The necessity of God's giving answer to men's problems
 - v. The wisdom of submission to God
 - vi. The power and limitations of Satan
 - vii. The authorship of evil
 - viii. The problem of suffering

Lessons One and Two: Job 1:1–5—Job the Man

I. Introduction: Job's Stature

- a. His greatness
 - i. In wealth, 1:3
 - ii. In spirituality, 1:8
- b. His righteousness, (cf. Ezekiel 14:14, 20)

II. Job's Date and Home Country

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- a. Date: about the time of Jacob or a generation or two later
 - i. Living conditions described in the Book of Job consistent with the Patriarchal period
 - 1. Wealth measured in livestock
 - 2. Men with servants and leisure time
 - 3. Job's service as priest in his own home, (1:5)
 - ii. No mention of the exodus or Mosaic Law
 - iii. No reference to the suffering of Israel in Egypt
 - iv. Job's lifetime of approximately 200 years as in Patriarchal period

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