

# My Time with God / Session 12

## Day 1

Read Job 1:1-22.

- What did Satan believe to be the basis of Job's love of God?

Why do you love God? Do you love Him because He has blessed you? We are all blessed in many different ways. Some have great health, others have high intellect, and others have athleticism. Some of us are blessed with attractive figures or beauty, some with wealth. Still others have winning personalities. As Christians, we are blessed with the fruits of the Spirit. We are all blessed and that is due to God. But, is that why you love Him? Would you still love Him if you lost your greatest blessing? Blessings are God's to give and God's to take away. Our love for God should stem from His love for us. He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. That's amazing love!

## Day 2

Read Job 2:1-13.

- What advice did Job's wife give when he was struck with boils?

Whose advice do you seek when trouble comes your way? The first thing we should do is consult God through prayer and Bible study. God can and does speak to us during prayers and through Scriptures. He can also speak to us through others. So, we can seek advice from others, as long as we are careful in our selection. It is best to seek advice from those who have their heart, soul, and mind focused on God. Godly people give godly advice.

## Day 3

Read Job 38:1-15.

- Why does God ask Job these rhetorical questions?

Things may happen in our lives that we may never understand this side of heaven. Tragedy strikes both the good and evil, and, many times, without explanation. We may wonder "Why?" and perhaps pose that question to God. Because we can't see the big picture, and we don't have the mind of God, we have to trust God. That's when our faith is most important. We know that God loves us, so we simply trust Him.

## Day 4

Read Job 38:16-30.

- Who is the only one who can answer the questions God presents to Job? Why?

Who can explain the creation of the world? Many people have theories, but no one can explain creation except God, the Creator. God does not explain all of His creations to us, because we do not have the mind of God and therefore cannot possibly

understand all that creation entails. We can't understand how the stars hang in the sky or why the ocean stops where it stops. It's difficult to accept things that we don't understand, but sometimes the only thing we can do is accept them. Our understanding of events will not change things, but when we accept them and trust God, our faith increases, and we draw closer to God.

## Day 5

Read Job 38:31-41.

- How do these questions reveal that God is in control?

When tragedy occurs, we sometimes forget that God is in control. We wonder if God is unaware of the disaster that has struck our lives. Or we wonder why God would let this happen to us. It's difficult to know that God is completely aware of our situation and He has allowed it to happen. We want God to "fix" everything, and we have in mind what we think needs to happen to "fix" our life, but that is not always God's plan. God is wise. No one is wiser, and He knows what is best for us. He is in control, even when it seems that chaos reigns.

## Day 6

Read Job 40:1-14.

- Why was Job humbled?

Humility is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. It allows us to go more than halfway to meet the needs of others. Acting with humility does not deny our own self-worth; rather it affirms the worth of all persons and gives proper respect to God. Sometimes we put too much stock in ourselves and become arrogant. Our pride can cause problems in our relationships with others, as well as God. Humility creates in us the capacity for a close and intimate relationship with God. When we realize our own defects and limitations, we willingly submit to God, who has no flaws or limitations.

## Day 7

Read Job 42:1-17.

- Why did Job repent?

Repentance begins with sorrow and regret and ends with a change in our life. It is sometimes difficult to come to repentance, because many people believe that they are good people and have nothing to regret or feel sorry about. Realizing that we have wronged someone, even God, is the first step toward repentance. From there, we confess our wrong behavior, ask for forgiveness, and invite God to change us and help us live differently.