

Study Hints for Thinking Further

International Bible Lessons

Job 19:1-7, 23-29

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Why was Job suffering?

Read Job chapters 1 and 2.

2. Did Job’s friends help him as he suffered? Explain your answer.

No. They did nothing to relieve his pain. They gave him nothing but their words. They falsely accused him of sin and told him that his suffering was the result of his horrible sins. They made him feel worse.

3. What did Job’s friends think of themselves?

They compared themselves to Job and thought they were morally and spiritually better than Job. Job said that they magnified themselves against him and made themselves look bigger or more important than he was. See Job 19:5.

4. What did Job want done with his words? Did Job receive any of what he wanted?

He wanted his words written down in a book and engraved in a rock forever. Yes, his words were written in a book, the Bible that we are reading around the world a few thousand years after Job lived.

5. Where did Job place his faith for his future?

He placed his faith in his Redeemer who would come after he died. See Job 19:25-27. Do you believe that your Redeemer lives? If so, who is He?

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