

# The Resolution of Job's Dilemma

*Job 38-42*

## Understanding the Setting

- Satan brought horrific suffering to Job.
- Job's sin was not the cause of his suffering.
- Job responds well at the conclusion of each of round of suffering at the hands of Satan and he does not blame God.
- Job then indulges in self-pity, which is a form of self-centeredness.
- Job's three friends give unbiblical counsel.
- Elihu gives better counsel.
- Job is stuck in a sinful attitude of blaming God for his suffering, for he denies that his suffering is the result of God's loving sovereignty.

## Our Perception can Kill Us

*Job 38:1-2*

- Job was looking at life from the point of view of how it seemed to him.
- We are reminded constantly in Scripture that our own understanding is handicapped. We are to view all of life through the lens of his word. *Proverbs 3:5-6. Romans 12:2*

## Unrepentant Sin is Serious Business

*Job 38:3-41:34*

- No one, apart from the suffering of our Lord, has been through as much as Job.
- If anyone could have earned the right for gentle handling it would seem to be Job.
- The Lord dresses Job down for 4 chapters. Unrepentant sin is very serious.
- Peter sinned but was dealt gently by Jesus because he was a broken man. Job was not a broken man. *John 21*

## The Response of Job

*Job 42:1-6*

### Worldly Sorrow

*2 Corinthians 7:10*

- Worldly sorrow is false repentance.
- False repentance can come in the form of a negotiated repentance.
- False repentance can come in the form of misc. repentance.

### Godly Sorrow

*2 Corinthians 7:8-11*

- True repentance is motivated by a desire to see our God honored above all things.
- True repentance embraces guilt with any blame shifting.
- True repentance will result in the healing of broken relationships.

## The Rest of the Story

*Job 42:7-17*

- Job's three friends are told to have Job sacrifice for them because of their sin against Job.
- Job is restored to his former self and is given twice as much as he previously had.
- Job died an old man.

## A Closing Thought

Faithfulness is the only thing that matters in the life of the believer. What our God does is right!  
*Daniel 3:16-18*