

## *Job Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

***Read the first two chapters of Job and the last two and as much in between as you can.***

*Why might it be that the Holy Spirit included the book of Job in the Scriptures?*

*What issues are discussed? Are they resolved? How should we react to injustice?*

*In critiquing our society, my fictional Job mentions our short attention span, our triviality and impersonal communication style. Is it just? What can we do about it?*

*Is there any reason to believe that Job really was above reproach?*

*Job did not get to hear the conversations God had with Satan. Job 1:1 –2:7 Why?*

*Why was Satan allowed an audience with God?*

*How does Satan accuse us? Revelation 12:10 “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”*

*Why might God have allowed all this to happen to Job? Why did God let it happen to such a good man?*

*What lesson does this have for us who don't measure up to Job's character and discipline?*

*Is there a difference between “God is good” and “God is good to me”?*

*Should we pray that our children and grandchildren be happy? What should we pray?*

*What was the effect of God telling Job to pray for his friends? Job 42:8b, “My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.”*

*Is the following an argument for “Health-Wealth?” Job 42:10, “After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before.”*

*What does forgiveness do to the one who forgives?*

*God demonstrates his power in Job 40:15-18 “Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron.”*

*The result is Job's declaration in Job 42:1 Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.*

*But what does that creature sound like?*

*Does it seem to be talking about a creature that Job had actually seen?*

*What does your Bible's footnote say?*

*What is the implication when God says to Job, "Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you"?*

*Does that sound like something that was extinct millions of years before man appeared on the scene?*