

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 01/28/13 TO 02/03/13

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 Read Job 15 to 17

Eliphaz uses sharper words as he confronts Job the second time with accusations of sin. As you read, notice that Job's doubts have escalated to the point that he now believes that God must hate him, albeit unjustly (16:9).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013 Read Job 18 and 19

Bildad speaks for the second time. His theories about God's ways are, like those of his friends, rooted in fear and in spiritual pride. Job, overcome by isolation from God and from other people, nonetheless moves from the depths of despair to the high ground of faith in his Redeemer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013 Read Job 20 and 21

Same song, Sixth verse. This time Zophar takes up the chorus. He alters the refrain a bit. "Maybe the wicked do briefly prosper, but they don't enjoy it. God rains on their picnic," sings Zophar (20:23). He sounds a bit like the fox in Aesop's "sour grapes" fable. Job replies by asking a question: "How often do the wicked really suffer?"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013 Read Job 22 to 24

Eliphaz speaks up for the third (and last time). He suggests a specific sin of which Job is probably guilty-- cruelty toward the poor and failure to show them compassion. "You thought you could hide it from God," Eliphaz thunders, "But now you're found out." Job seems to shake his head. Not replying to Eliphaz at all, he cries out for justice. "If only we could go to court, I'd sue for peace," Job says to God.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013 Read Job 25 to 28

The Book of Job begins to move slowly toward resolution from chapter 28 onward. While Job still hurts and harbors resentment toward the Lord (c. 27:2), the tone and content of his words shift subtly. As the Holy Spirit works, Job begins to see the limits of his ability to understand God's ways. As you read, look for evidence of this.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013 Read 29 to 31

Job speaks the words of these three chapters almost to himself, although he does offer a brief lament to God in 30:20-23. In chapter 31, he examines his heart for specific sins, almost as though he has begun to wonder whether the accusations of his friends might be true. As you read, note the result of that self-examination and notice Job's new plea for a fair trial in heaven's courtroom.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013 JOIN US IN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THEN SPEND SOME LATER IN THE DAY CATCHING UP ON ANY MISSED READINGS FOR THE WEEK.