

# ***STUDIES IN JOB***

**TOPIC: The Integrity of Job**

**SCRIPTURE: Job 2**

**MEMORY VERSE: Job 2:10**

**Lesson 2**

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**INTRODUCTION:** The word integrity only occurs a total of sixteen times in the entire Bible. Integrity is the uprightness, virtue and completeness of a person's moral character. The word is found twice in this chapter, each time referring to the moral character of Job. This man called JOB has lost everything that men think of as riches in this life, including all ten of his children. If any man ever had reason to complain, it was Job. However, Job has had the good moral character to realize that God has the right to bestow riches upon His children, and to take them away as well. In this chapter, God will teach us more about **THE INTEGRITY OF JOB**.

## **I. THE FAITHFULNESS OF JOB v 1-10**

- A. God points out to Satan the faithfulness of His servant Job v 1-6**  
God again has the opportunity to brag about Job's faithfulness. (v 3; Job 1:8) Notice that God also admits that Job's problems came upon him "*without cause*". (v 3) Job was not being spanked for some sin, but instead his losses would count for the glory of God. Notice, also, that Satan comes back before God for permission to further attack Job. Satan's tactic is to probe until he finds a weakness in Job's character or a kink in Job's spiritual armor. Satan is the "*accuser of our brethren*" (Revelation 12:10), and makes the accusation that Job will curse God to His face if the devil is allowed to afflict Job's body. God permits Satan to afflict Job's body, yet will not permit Job to be tempted beyond what he is able to stand. (I Corinthians 10:13; James 1:2-3, 12; II Peter 2:9)
- B. God permits Job to be tested by allowing Satan to afflict Job with boils v 7-8**  
**POTSHERD (v 8)-"a broken piece of an earthen clay pot"**  
Notice the symptoms of the terrible disease with which Job was afflicted:
- 1) "*sore boils*" from head to toe (Job 2:7)
  - 2) boils scraped with a potsherd (Job 2:8)
  - 3) feelings of terror (Job 6:4)
  - 4) sleeplessness (Job 7:4)

- 5) worms eating the infection in the boils (Job 7:5)
- 6) broken skin (Job 7:5)
- 7) nightmares (Job 7:14)
- 8) depression (Job 7:16)
- 9) Job bit his own flesh because of pain (Job 13:14)
- 10) Job was “*as a rotten thing*” and “*moth eaten*” (Job 13:28)
- 11) Job’s skin was wrinkled and his body lean (Job 16:8)
- 12) Job’s face was “*foul with weeping*” (Job 16:16)
- 13) Job’s “*breath is corrupt*” (Job 17:1)
- 14) Job looked like a bag of bones (Job 19:20)
- 15) Job’s bones ached in the night (Job 30:17)
- 16) Job’s skin was black and burned with heat (Job 30:30)
- 17) “*young children despised*” Job (Job 19:18)
- 18) “*kinfolk*” failed Job and “*friends*” forgot him (Job 19:14)

Job must have looked like a physical monster as he sat in the rubble of his house scraping his boils. Job was suffering even though he had done no wrong just as Christ suffered even though He had done no wrong. (Isaiah 52:14; 53:2-6; I Peter 2:22)

- C. Job’s wife tells Job to just “*curse God and die*” v 9-10  
 Satan had removed everything else that belonged to Job. Why didn’t he remove his wife also? The answer might be that the devil knew he could use her against Job by leading her to discourage her husband to the point of taking his own life. Job, however, retained his integrity and rebuked his wife. (Ephesians 4:26; I Kings 21:25)

## II THE FRIENDS OF JOB v 11-13

- A. Job’s three friends came to mourn with Job for seven days v 11-13  
 These three “*friends*” of Job’s were from three different cities:
- 1) ELIPHAS THE TEMANITE (v 11)-Eliphaz means “*God is dispenser*”. “*Teman*” was a grandson of Esau according to Genesis 36:10-11. The Temanites settled in Idumaea, also called Edom. Eliphaz was probably the oldest of these “*friends*” of Job’s and thus was allowed to speak first to Job. (Job 4-5)
  - 2) BILDAD THE SHUHITE (v 11)-Bildad means “*son of contention*.” The Shuhites were a tribe that descended from Shuah the son of Abraham (Genesis 25:2), and settled in eastern Arabia.
  - 3) ZOPHAR THE NAAMATHITE (v 11)-Zophar means “*chirper or whistler*.” The Naamathites were a tribe that settled in northern Arabia. These three men heard that their friend, Job, was going through troubled times, and came to mourn with him. They had not expected the sight of Job which they saw. Job’s sunken

eyes, swollen lips, blackened skin, and running sores left them speechless. For seven days, they sat with Job in total silence as was the traditional ritual of mourning in those days. (Genesis 50:10)

**TEACHER'S TIP: IT OFTEN SHOWS A FINE COMMAND OF LANGUAGE TO SAY NOTHING**

**NEXT MEMORY VERSE: James 5:11**