


Job 42:1-6

Daniel 2:28 "There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries." (NIV)

1. _____

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Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (NIV)

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 Job's _____

Job 19:2 "How long will you torment me and crush me with words." (NIV)


2. _____

 Don't _____


Galatians 6:9 "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit." (Message)

Hebrews 7:25 "Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save everyone who comes to God through him. He lives forever to plead with God on their behalf." (NLT)

Job 19:25 "Still, I know that God lives..." (Message)

 _____ God

Job 42:5 "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you." (NIV)

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John 11:4 "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (NIV)

 _____ Adjustments

Job 42:8

3. _____

Job 42:10 "After Job had interceded for his friends, God restored his fortune - and then doubled it!" (Message)

Zechariah 9:12 "Come home, hope-filled prisoners! This very day I'm declaring a double bonus - everything you lost returned twice-over!" (Message)

- 1-Perspective
 - God
 - Job
 - Friends
- 2-Precept
 - Quit
 - Ask
 - Wait
 - Make
- 3-Postscript



Priming The Pump

My guess is that many people don't know a whole lot about good ole Job. *Quick go around and give some recaps of what you knew about Job before the sermon and what you learned for the first time in the sermon...*

Job's story is captured in a 42 chapter book of the Bible so it's no slouch of a read. Job's story takes place probably around the same time as Abraham or before. It is perhaps the first written Scripture we have. It is quite a piece of literature and there is a lot that we can learn from it. It would be a wonderful piece for high school students to read and critique. Job in a nutshell is this: he is a very prosperous man who loses everything dear to him while also contracting various physical maladies i.e. His life is in the toilet having been bombarded by Satan as a test of his loyalty to God. This is then followed by our being able to witness a transcript of Uz's version of *The Beltway Boys* and their political commentary on Job's dealings and his misfortunes and why they thought this was all brought upon Job - and of course Job's rebuttals. Unfortunately for Job, not unlike today's media, their views were shaped by their distorted views of God (**Job 42:8**). Fortunately for Job, a young man name Elihu adds some much needed perspective (32-27) and this paves the way for the Almighty Himself to be a special guest contributor on the panel...and then after more than few correctives from God, Job begins to see more clearly...

The Main Point

We are looking at how God revealed Himself to Job and what God revealed about Job's own character to Job. And we are looking at what kept Job from seeing God or hearing from God accurately. See **Job 40:8** when God speaks to Job. What was God revealing to Job in this verse - about God? about Job? about a technique we tend to use? This seems to describe a technique many still use today to discredit God and to try and make themselves feel excused from the responsibility to obey God. Does this "technique" get used in any other ways? How does it play itself out in our lives? Why would we use this on other people? How might using this "technique" keep us from hearing from God?

Changing Gears

It says that Job lived 140 years after this critical event in his life and he was permitted to see 4 generations of his family continue. As a result of Job's experience with God and the four men, what do you think would have been **the top 3 lessons** that Job would have taught to and repeated to his sons, grand sons, great grand sons and great-great grand sons?



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Day 2 **Numbers 27**

Day 3 **Romans 3**

Day 4 **Numbers 28**

Day 5 **Romans 4**

Day 6 **Psalm 56**