**The Wisdom of Job**

**(Job is vindicated by God)**

**Job 42:6-17 (New Living Translation)**

### Conclusion: The Lord Blesses Job

**7**After the Lord had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has. **8**So take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.” **9**So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite did as the Lord commanded them, and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

**10**When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before! **11**Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the Lord had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=job+42%3A6-17&version=NLT#fen-NLT-13910a)] and a gold ring.

**12**So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. **13**He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters. **14**He named his first daughter Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. **15**In all the land no women were as lovely as the daughters of Job. And their father put them into his will along with their brothers.

**16**Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. **17**Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.

**Job 42:6-17 (English Standard Version)**

**The Lord Rebukes Job's Friends**

**7**After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. **8**Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.” **9**So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them, and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

**The Lord Restores Job's Fortunes**

**10**And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. **11**Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

**12**And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. **13**He had also seven sons and three daughters. **14**And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch. **15**And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. **16**And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. **17**And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

**QUESTIONS**

1. **Observation (What does it say?)**
2. Who did God speak to in verses 7-8?
3. What was his response to God?
4. What did Job do for his friends?
5. How many animals did Job end up with?
6. What were the names of Job’s daughters?

**b. Interpretation (What does it mean?)**

1. How do you think Job spoke accurately about God?
2. Why do you think God asked Job to pray for his friends? Could they not have prayed for themselves?
3. Why do you think God restored Job’s fortunes and blessed him even more at the end?
4. What do you make of the fact that Job put his daughters in his will, together with his sons?
5. What is the significance of Job living 140 years after this?
6. Do you see anything in the life of Job that points to the person of Jesus Christ? Please explain.

**c. Application (What do I do with this?)**

1. The statement is made, “Does Job fear God for no reason?” in the prologue. How would you answer that now that we have come to the end of the book?
2. Did the studies in Job have any impact on the way you think? Can you give some examples?