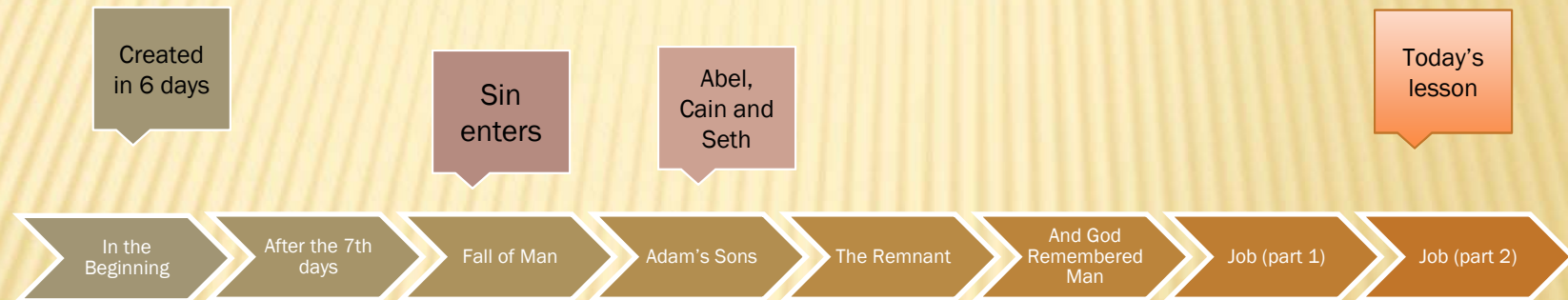


Part 2 (Job 4-42)

## **2 SESSION STUDY ON JOB**

# SO FAR IN GENESIS



# OUTLINE

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- ✘ Accusations by Job's Three friends & Job's responses (Job 4-31)
- ✘ Elihu speaks and Job listens (Job 32-37)
- ✘ The Lord speaks and Job listens (Job 38-41)
- ✘ Job humbles himself before the Lord (Job 42:1-6)
- ✘ God restores Job and blesses twofold (Job 42:7-17)

# JOB'S FRIENDS

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- × Common things
  - + All four knew God
  - + Understood the pattern
    - × Before Sin
    - × Man sins
    - × Consequences
    - × Grace \*

# JOB'S FRIENDS

Name	Eliphaz the Temanite	Bildad the Shuhite	Zophar the Naamathite
Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pious and prominent person</li> <li>Orthodox in his views of God's greatness</li> <li>Lacks compassion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice of tradition</li> <li>Authority of Antiquity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counsels legalism and religiosity</li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job sinned</li> <li>Job needs to ask for forgiveness</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs to know where he erred</li> <li>Needs proof of injustice on his tongue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signs Job sinned because his sons were destroyed</li> <li>Job needs to turn to God for divine favor</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can Job prove his innocence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job is not suffering as much as Job really deserves</li> <li>Job needs to turn away from his sins for God to give him security, rest, comfort</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job tells his friends that they are not helping the situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hit a man who is about to fall</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job's knowledge is empty</li> <li>Job is arrogant</li> <li>Job is wicked since he is pain</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calls his friends "miserable comforters"</li> <li>Job wish he were in the grave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job is a wicked person</li> <li>Calamities come upon a sinner's house</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job is ashamed by how friends wronged him</li> <li>He is mistreated by God, relatives, friends and servants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He states in history proud men perish and their child will beg from poor</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are wicked men who die at piece and in full strength and prosperous; while there others who die in bitterness</li> <li>Death is true equalizer</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God doesn't need Job</li> <li>Accuses Job of gross wickedness</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>His longing to present his case to God</li> <li>His defence of his own righteous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God is almighty powerful</li> <li>No compassion for Job's state</li> </ul> <p><b>Job's response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bildad's words are futile and insensitive</li> </ul>	<p><b>Silence...</b></p>

# JOB'S FRIENDS

- × First round
  - + Accuse Job has sinned
- × Second round
  - + Job is wicked since he is not listening
- × Third round
  - + No point of convincing – Job is a fool



<b>Eliphaz</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal level</li><li>• Secret Sin</li></ul>
<b>Bildad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence based</li><li>• His children died</li></ul>
<b>Zophar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historical based</li><li>• Job should be suffering more because of his sin but God is good</li></ul>

# ELIHU AND JOB'S RESPONSE

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- ✘ The third party – The mediator
  - + Steps in the conversation
- ✘ Rebukes Job for being righteous in his own eyes
  - + Blaming God for unjust treatment
  - + God speaks through pain
- ✘ Rebukes Job's friends they don't have the answers but keep condemning Job
  - + God can make a righteous man suffer
  - + Wicked cannot be hidden from God
- ✘ if righteous have acted defiantly, He seeks to bring them repentance by convincing them of their transgressions.

# GOD'S INTERACTION WITH JOB AND FRIENDS

- ✘ God shows the wonders of the inanimate creation
- ✘ God shows the wonders of the animate creation
- ✘ God shows the wonders in Behemoth (land)
- ✘ God shows the wonders in Leviathan (ocean)
- ✘ Job's response (Job 42:1-6)
- ✘ Job's friends
  - + Seven bulls and seven rams as a burn offering
    - ✘ Job served as the mediator



# JOB'S BLESSING AND MORE

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- ✘ Job is blessed again
- ✘ Job's suffering is physical and spiritual
- ✘ Job's flaw is his self righteousness
- ✘ It's not about the blessings or suffering
  - + But your stance in the Lord
- ✘ Matthew 7:1-5
  - + Others and more importantly yourself