

## “Job’s Journey to Justification”

(A pilgrim’s progress without a bible)

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**TEXT: Job 31:35** The book of Job is regarded as the oldest book of the Bible. It could have been the first book to actually have been penned. We do not know when Job lived, but it could have been sometime during the earlier chapters of Genesis. As you study the book of Job, you will find that he was justified in his life before God, Satan, and his friends.

1. God declared Job worthy to be tested, and initiated the plan.
2. Satan declared Job unworthy to be tested because God placed a fence around Job, but when removed, still couldn’t make Job sin against God.
3. Job’s friends couldn’t break Job with all their accusations.

### I. Job experienced Pain.

Perhaps no man in all of history lost so much in so short a time.

1. **Financial** Pain            Job the blessed became Job the Broke.
2. **Physical** Pain            Job suffered from head to feet.
3. **Emotional** Pain        Job undoubtedly suffered emotionally from the lost of seven sons and three daughters, a wife who cursed him, three friends who accused him unjustly, and a God who appeared to have forsaken him.

### II. Job experienced Pity.

Job had to deal with self-pity; he began to feel sorry for himself.

1. Job 3:1-11, 16            He curses the day he was born.
2. Job 6:8-9                Job told his friends that God should take his life.
3. Job 10:18-19            Job says he should never have lived.

### III. Job experienced Pride.

Job wrestled with pride. He wanted to defend himself as a righteous man. He wanted his friends to know that he was not as bad as they think he is.

1. Job 12:1-3; 13:2        He claims to his friends, he knows a few things.
2. Job 31:1-40            He tells all that he has not done.

### IV. Job experienced Perplexity.

Job is a book of questions. Job asked a total of 138 questions, more than any other person in the Bible. Job said, “I am full of confusion...” Job 10:15

Why didn’t Job just read the Bible, didn’t he know that the Bible has all the answers?

#### **JOB had no BIBLE.**

1. He did not have a copy of the Law, the Prophets, the Gospels, or the Espistles.
  - a. Job could not say, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”
  - b. Job could not say, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet...”
  - c. Job could not say, “Thy word have I hid in my heart...”
2. The only reason we do not follow the teachings of Ghandi, Mohammed, Buddha, Joseph Smith, Mary Bakker Eddy, or atheism, is because we not only have a Bible but believe the truth by the Grace of God. We owe our life to the Bible.

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