

# **MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

### **JOB**

**Bible Study Strategies:** Prayer of Preparation

1. **Reading** the Scripture accurately
2. **Interpreting** the Scripture which is read
3. **Obeying** the Scripture as it is understood

**Aims of Bible Study:**

1. Increased Bible knowledge
2. Improvement as a student of the  
Scripture
3. Spiritual growth as a believer in Christ

## **THE DEBATE BETWEEN JOB AND HIS FRIENDS (Chaps. 3 – 31)**

### **The Second Round of Speeches (Chaps. 15-21)**

In the second round of speeches Job's "comforters," no longer appealing for repentance, become more condemning and vehement. Job, meanwhile, becomes more stubborn.

#### **Job's Response to Eliphaz's Second Speech (Chaps. 16 - 17)**

**16:1-5** Job rejects Eliphaz's analysis of the situation and fights back by calling his critics "miserable comforters." If they were in his place, he would at least try to comfort them!

**16:6-14** But now God has turned against him and tortures him by turning him over to . . . ungodly men and persecuting him beyond endurance, with wound upon wound. All this is in spite of the fact that he is guilty of no unrighteousness.

**16:15-22** The fact that Job had sewn (not merely put on) sackcloth over his skin shows he is in permanent mourning. Without friends to comfort, or anyone to plead his case, he will soon go the way of no return.

Some of the language in verses 9-19 is employed in the Psalms to refer to the Messiah. Therefore we are justified in making an application of them to the sufferings of Christ, even if that is not the primary meaning.

**17:1-12** As Job, broken in spirit, teeters on the edge of the grave, his friends mock him. He wants God alone to try his case because his critics have proven themselves of no use. The Lord has made him an object of contempt. Upright men who see his condition will rise up against his critics, while he continues to protest his integrity. He cannot find one wise man among his three antagonists.

**17:13-16** There is nothing left for Job but the grave with its darkness, corruption, and worms.