

**The Book of Job**  
**Lesson 6 “The Curse Causeless?”**

**Job 4:17 NKJV** “Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?”

**The Big Questions**

**Job 23:10 (NKJV)** *But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. **Is our suffering ever God’s will?***

**Psalm 119:65–72 (NKJV)** *You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word. You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes. The proud have forged a lie against me, But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.<sup>70</sup> Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.*

**1 Peter 1:6–7 (NKJV)** *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

**\*Job 5:17–18 (NKJV)** *“Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.<sup>18</sup> For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole.*

**When Have the Innocent Perished?**

**Job 2:11–13 (NKJV)** *Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.<sup>12</sup> And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven.<sup>13</sup> So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.*

**\*Job 4:7 (NKJV)** *“Remember now, whoever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off?”*

**Proverbs 26:2 (NKJV)** *Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.*

**John 9:1–3 (NKJV)** *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “*Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.*”*

**A Man and His Maker**

**Job 4:1–11 “What Not to Say to a Grieving Soul.”**

**Isaiah 38:1 (NKJV)** *In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’”*

**Job 4:12–21**

**Job 4:17 (NKJV)** *“Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?”*

**Psalm 103:14 (NKJV)** *For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.*

**\*1 Peter 1:24–25 (NKJV)** *because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever.”*

**Isaiah 64:7 (NKJV)** *And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.*

**Romans 3:19–20 (NKJV)** *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.<sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

**The Foolish Taking Root**

**Psalm 37:10 (NKJV)** *For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.*

**\*Proverbs 26:2 (NKJV)** *Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.*

**Luke 1:52 (NKJV)** *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.*

**1 Corinthians 3:19** (NKJV) *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”;*

**Psalms 34:6** (NKJV) *This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.*

**Hebrews 12:4–6** (NKJV) *And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; <sup>6</sup> For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”*

### Rush to Judgment

“No truth does the Bible more clearly teach than that what we do is the result of what we are. To a great degree the experiences of life are the fruition of our own thoughts and deeds.”—Education, p. 146.

**Matthew 7:1–2** (NKJV) *“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

**Romans 2:1–3** (NKJV) *Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?*

**1 Corinthians 4: 3–5** (NKJV) *But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.*