

# WORD LIVING

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## OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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## WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016

### LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD

**The struggle continues for many people. Some face financial issues, stress, sickness, devastation following the storms, and the list continues.**

**Today, many struggle without hope, peace, love, and/or the truth about Jesus Christ, our soon coming king.**

**Broken homes, hunger, and the increasing number of homeless individuals are prevalent in the United States. The United States, the country that has always helped others, cannot curtail all the growing needs that it now faces.**

**The failure of the nation to honor Jesus Christ as Lord and follow his precepts, invites the history of Israel, slaves in captivity, to reign.**

**Acts of violence, death, political issues, poverty, and other acts that spark unrest continues to dominate the headlines. People, drawn to acts of violent behavior, discuss it more than the biblical cure that can change the thoughts of man and bring healing.**

**It is time to bring our focus into unity where we follow the teachings of our Lord.**

## **THERE WAS A DAY:**

**Last month, we looked at the physical condition of Job. We begin with the arrival of Job's friends. We heard from the first speaker, Eliphaz the Temanite and the second speaker, Bildad the Shuhite.**

**We begin, this month with the third speaker in round one.**

### **SPEAKER NUMBER 3 (Job Chapter 11)**

**Zophar the Naamathite: Zophar only speaks twice to Job. He continues the theme that Job must repent. Zophar had listen to Job who continued to say that he was not wicked yet he was full of confusion concerning all that had taken place. He continued to seek God for an answer, but God was silent. Therefore, Zophar offers an answer.**

**Zophar assumes that Job is guilty. He calls Job a liar, a mocker, and that if God would speak, He would speak against him.**

**Zophar was unyielding, harsh, and perhaps even more ruthless of the three. He is the first to accuse Job directly of wickedness; stating indeed that his punishment is too good for him. He rebukes Job's desire to find out the unsearchable secrets of God. Like the rest of Job's friends, Zophar assures Job that if he repents, God will forgive, restore, and that he, Job, would lift up his head without a spot and forget his misery as waters that pass away.**

**Job 2:11 reminds us that Job's friends had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. However, it sounds like they have forgotten their purpose and now they focus on what they saw, what they believed to be the cause, and what Job should do in order to be forgiven and restored.**

**Zophar believed that troubles came to Job because he was vain; perhaps he had been pretending to follow God. Therefore, God allows troubles to come so Job could repent.**

## **LEARNING FROM JOB AND TRUSTING GOD**

**Thought we have just finished the first of the three (3) rounds of speeches, you can feel the pain that Job must have felt. In his condition and knowing he had did all that God told him, yet he was suffering, God was silent, and his friends were relentless accusers who brought no comfort or peace but only unfounded accusations.**

**Today, some still feel that Christians are blessed and those who have sinned have problems. We must understand, problems go deeper than the simple punishment for sins.**

**We must remember Job's friends did not have the New Testament that gave examples that suffering is not always the product of sin.**

**In the first round of their speeches, they seek to solve the problem of Job's suffering, but they forgot their purpose, to comfort their friend during a most difficult time. They determined their way was right and failed to hear Job's words.**

**The New Testament notes:**

**And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. John 9:1-3 (kjv)**

**I love the answer Jesus gave. His disciples asked if the man sinned even though he was blind from birth. Jesus addressed the purpose and that is the key. Not how or why but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

**Job experienced suffering and lost, so that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Manifest (obvious, evident, unmistakable)**

**In all this, Job sinned not with his lip nor did he charge God foolishly.**

**However, today if you are experiencing issues in life where it seems that all hope is gone. You yield all to the Lord and it seems the problems continue to come, than this lesson is for you today. The problems we face are too complicated for simple answers. As we continue to walk through the story of Job, you will see that sometimes, our friends, family and others see things different based on what they know, what they have experienced, and their understanding of what they have read. Yet when it comes to problems of human suffering, sometimes it cannot be determined, we may or we may never know the reason.**

**But be assured, GOD KNOWS.**

**REF: Wiersbe's Expository, Revell Bible Dictionary, The Book of Job Study Guide, Internet reference on location, Kid's Bible, and King James Bible. Nov 2016 unedited**

**LEARNING FROM JOB – TRUSTING OUR GOD Until next time, his steward, Karen**

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