

“Now Mine Eyes Seeth Thee”

Lesson 14

Job’s Confession & Restoration Job 42

Introduction

It is apparent that the Lord’s words have stung Job deeply, and now he feels humiliated to have spoken the way he did to God. It is not because God was vindictive in His words to Job, but that they were spoken with such piercing accuracy and unanswerable logic that Job was left somewhat “speechless;” he had no reply. *How ironic!!* Job had spent the majority of his time yearning for God to speak and grant him his audience. When he received it, he finally realized he was saying things that he should not have spoken.

We see a humbled Job in **ch. 42**. He has been painfully reminded of God’s control, and that he had no right to sit in judgment of Him or His ways. Penitently, he retracts his rashly spoken words and repents (**42:6**). Upon doing this, God receives him and uses him as mediator for his “friends” (**42:8**) as they were in need of restoration before God. Finally, God restores the fortunes of His servant (**42:10-17**).

1. How does Job respond to what the Lord has said? (**42:2**) What do you think Job is admitting by this statement in light of what he said in all his speeches?
2. What is Job admitting by his quoting God in **42:3a**? (**cp. 38:2**) How does he state this admission? (**42:3b**)
3. Job again quotes God in **42:4**. (**cp. 38:3; 40:7**) What lesson does Job show he has learned? (**42:5**) In what way could Job “see” God? (**cp. Eph. 1:18**)
4. Thought question: How does **42:5** serve as a good theme to the book of Job?
5. Based on Job’s understanding now, what does he do? (**42:6**) Do you think he needs to repent? If so, of what do you think he is repenting?

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6. Who next does the Lord address? (42:7) Why was God angry with the "friends"? (42:7) What were His instructions to them? (42:8)

7. What do you think God meant when He said that the "friends" had not "spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has"? (42:8)

8. Did Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar comply with God's instructions? (42:9) In what capacity was Job serving them? (cp. 1:5)

9. How does the book conclude? (42:10-17) To what extent does God restore the fortunes of Job?

10. Opinion question: Do you think Job ever found out the source of or reasons for his sufferings?