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## Reading Questions Week 2

1. The behind the scenes story of which Job (the protagonist) and his friends are unaware of is the test that God put Job through. Throughout the book of Job God tested Job a lot to see where he stood with him in his faith. Most of the time Job didn't understand why God allowed Satan to do the things that he did. One moment Job felt as if God was right there and the next he felt as if God wasn't there for him especially during his suffering. Job felt as though he shouldn't have to suffer because he didn't deserve it and that he was a true servant of God. However God knew his heart and there were a few things that needed to be worked on as his friends tried to tell him but he did not listen to them. However even though they were miserable comforters they were a great part of Job's trial and in the end Job came to really know God deeply and his heart and humbleness shifted. Learning these lessons was the key to coming out of dark shadows of life and into the light and the Lord restored Job's losses.

2. Throughout the book of Job he is characterized as many things, in the beginning he is shown as a wealthy man with a huge family living on an enormous flock. He is blameless, upright, and always careful of avoiding sin. However after Satan is given permission from God to punish him to test his faith and see if he is really who he says he is. Job goes through different emotions, after the first two punishments he is confused and sad but he still has faith in God however after the third punishment Job goes through a dark moment in his life. After he is tested by his wife and friends his thoughts of God were evil and he is shown to be impatient and afraid. However after Job repents and is led in the right direction God does a major shift in his life and Job ends up knowing God deeper than he ever did. He passed the test and in the end Job is characterized as humble and wise.

3. Job's wife: "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die! ( Job 2:9)

Eliphaz: "Is it your fear of him that reproves you and enters into judgement with you?" (Job 22:4)

Bildad: "If you are pure and upright surely then he will rouse himself for you and restore your rightful habitation" (Job 8:6)

Zophar: "Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves" (Job 11:6)

Elihu: “Then Elihu the son of Barachel the buzite of the family of Ram, burned with anger, He burned with anger at Job because he justified himself rather than God”(Job 32:2)

Out of the following quotes I feel each of his friends as his wife tried giving advice to Job during his test however none of them sought God with answers; it was more so of what they thought he should know. Of Course all of them were wrong and they spoke things to him that were not true and were offensive to Job and God.

4. God’s own response to Job was very enlightening because whenever somebody is going through things in their life the first thing that they do is blame God and they feel as if God is not there for them. However sometimes God allows things to happen to test our faith or to see what we would do in a certain situation. So once Job seeks that answer from God that he has been looking for it was very enlightening because he thought something totally different from God and in all reality God was trying to help him.

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6. The two legitimate empires of the world are the Roman Empires on the western side of Eurasia and China.

7. Queen of Sheba

8. The impact on the word of Salomon that has the Queen was of the great news that she heard about Salomon and the wonderful works that God did in his life and the gifts that God placed in his life.

9. King Salomon’s multitude of wives as concubines justified because during those days God provided rights and protections however it was for certain reasons.

10. Makeda goes to Salomon for wisdom after having an intellectual conversation with him and he tricks her into having sex with her.

11. Salomon’s son did not want to leave even though he had to

12. Menyelek reigns to become king