

## Outline of the Book of Job (Chapter titles from The Message)

1 - 2 Prologue

The First Test: Family and Fortune

The Second Test: Health

Job's Three Friends

3 - **Job** cries out - What's the point of life? (26 verses)

4 - **Eliphaz** speaks out - Now You're the one in trouble (21 verses)

5 - Don't blame fate when things go wrong (27 verses)

What a Blessing when God corrects you!

6 - **Job** replies to Eliphaz - God has dumped the works on me (30 verses)

7 - There's nothing to my life (21 verses)

8 - **Bildad's** reponse - Does God mess up? (22 verses)

To hang your life from one thin thread

9 - **Job** continues - How can mere mortals get right with God? (35 verses)

If God's not responsible, who is?

10 - To find some skeleton in my closet (22 verses)

11 - **Zophar's** counsel - How wisdom looks from the inside (20 verses)

Reach out to God

12 - **Job** answers Zophar - Put your ear to the earth (25 verses)

From God we learn how to live

13 - I'm taking my case to God (28 verses)

Why does God stay hidden and silent?

14 - If we die, will we live again? (22 verses)

15 - **Eliphaz** attacks again - you trivialize religion (35 verses)

Always at odds with God

16 - **Job** defends himself - If you were in my shoes (22 verses)

The one who represents mortals before God

17 - (16 verses)

18 - **Bildad's** second attack - plunged from light into darkness (21 verses)

19 - **Job** answers Bildad - I call for help and no one bothers (29 verses)

I know that God lives

20 - **Zophar** attacks Job - The second round (29 verses)

Savoring evil as a delicacy

21 - **Job's** response - Why do the wicked have it so good? (34 verses)

22 - **Eliphaz** attacks Job - the third round - Come to terms with God (30 verses)

23 - **Job's** defense - I'm completely in the dark (17 verses)

24 - An illusion of security (25 verses)

25 - **Bildad's** third attack - even the stars aren't perfect in God's eyes (6 verses)

26 - **Job's** defense - God sets a boundary between light and darkness (14 verses)

27 - No place to hide (23 verses)

28 - Where does wisdom come from? (28 verses) (Poem to Wisdom in narrator's voice)

29 - When God was still at my side (25 verses) (Job's closing Monologue)

30 - The pain never lets up (19 verses)

What did I do to deserve this? (31 verses)

31 - What can I expect from God?

If only someone would give me a hearing! (40 verses)

32 - **Elihu** speaks - God's spirit makes wisdom possible (22 verses)

33 - God always answers, one way or another (33 verses)

34 - Elihu's **second** speech - It's impossible for God to do evil (37 verses)

God is working behind the scenes

Because you refuse to live on God's terms

35 - Elihu's **third** speech - when God makes creation a classroom (16 verses)

36 - Those who learn from their suffering

Obsessed with putting the blame on God

No one can escape from God (33 verses)

37 - A terrible beauty streams from God (24 verses)

38 - **God** confronts Job - Have you gotten to the bottom of things? (41 verses)

What do you have to say for yourself

39 - (30 verses)

40 - **Job** answers God - I'm ready to shut up and listen (3 verses)

**God's** second set of questions - I want straight answers (21 verses) (24 minus 3)

41 - I run this universe (34 verses)

42 **Job** worships God - I babbled on about things far beyond me (6 verses)

Epilogue - God restores Job - I will accept his prayer