

INTRODUCTION:

1) TODAY WE WILL BE LOOKING AT *HUMANITY'S APPEALS TO GOD*

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) JOB: PERSEVERANCE IN SUFFERING
- 2) PSALMS: ISRAEL'S HYMNBOOK AND PRAYER BOOK

PART 1 – JOB: PERSEVERANCE IN SUFFERING:

Q 1) WHAT CAN WE SAY REGARDING THE AUTHORSHIP AND DATE OF JOB?

Q 2) WHAT DO WE NEED TO REMEMBER WHEN READING THE BOOK OF JOB?

Q 3) WHAT IS THE THEME OF JOB?

Q 4) WHAT IS ONE REASON WHY HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN?

OUTLINE OF JOB...

- I. The Setting of Job's Trials, 1–2
- II. Talks between Job and His Three Friends, 3–27
 - a) First Cycle (4-14)
 - b) Second Cycle (15-21)
 - c) Third Cycle (22-27)
- III. Wisdom: Its Location, Value, and Meaning, 28–31
 - a) Job Searches for Wisdom, (28)
 - b) Job's Defense of His Innocence, (29–31)
- IV. Elihu's Four Speeches to Defend God, 32–37
- V. God's Responses to Job, 38:1–42:6
- VI. Job's Restoration, 42:7–17

PART 2 – PSALMS: ISRAEL'S HYMNBOOK AND PRAYER BOOK:

Q 5) WHAT DOES "HALLELUJAH" MEAN?

Q 6) WHAT ARE THE FOUR TYPES OF PARALLELISMS IN HEBREW POETRY?

Q 7) WHO WROTE THE PSALMS?

Q 8) OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME WERE THE PSALMS WRITTEN?

Q 9) WHAT ARE THE SEVEN CATEGORIES OF PSALMS?

FIGURE 1)

The Five Books of the Psalms					
	Book 1: Psalms 1–41	Book 2: Psalms 42–72	Book 3: Psalms 73–89	Book 4: Psalms 90–106	Book 5: Psalms 107–150
Number of Psalms	41	31	17	17	44
Author(s)	Mostly David	Mostly David and sons of Korah	Mostly Asaph	Mostly unknown	Mostly unknown or David
Primary Name of God	YAHWEH (The LORD)	EI/Elohim (God)	EI/Elohim (God)	YAHWEH (The LORD)	YAHWEH (The LORD)
Common Topics	Humans and Creation	Deliverance and redemption	Worship and the temple	The desert and God's ways	God's Word and praise
Parallel in Pentateuch	Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Read the book of Job. Read each outline section in one sitting. You can break up section **I** and **II** by their sub-categories **a)**, **b)**...

If you choose to use an audio Bible, that is fine too.

