

Job 18

Bildad – God Punishes the Wicked

Verses 1-2 Bildad's Opening Rebuke

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Job 18 includes the 2nd speech by Bildad the Shuhite. Job's friends still champion the ancient principle that suffering equals sin, a belief root in early wisdom tradition. (Proverbs 11:31) Bildad now turns from gentle counsel (Job 8) to harsh accusation, using vivid poetry to paint the wicked man's downfall.

Summary Table

Fact	Bible Reference	Key Theme
Job was righteous and wealthy	Job 1:1	Integrity and fear of God
Satan challenged Job's faith	Job 1:9-11	Spiritual warfare
Job lost everything	Job 1:20-21	Worship in loss
He suffered physical pain	Job 2:7	Suffering
His wife gave bad advice	Job 2:9	Holding onto faith
Friends wrongly accused him	Job 4:7-8	Misjudgment
Job expressed sorrow	Job 3:11	Emotional honesty
God responded with questions	Job 38:4	Divine wisdom
Job repented in humility	Job 42:5-6	Spiritual growth
God restored Job's life	Job 42:10	Redemption and reward

The story of Job stands out in the Bible as a powerful testimony of faith under fire. Job's life shows what it means to trust God even when everything falls apart. His story is found in the Book of Job, one of the oldest books in Scripture. Here are 10 fascinating facts about this faithful man.

1. Job Was a Wealthy and Righteous Man

Job 1:1 – “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.” He had seven sons, three daughters, and thousands of livestock, making him one of the greatest men in the East.

2. Satan Asked Permission to Test Job

Job 1:9-11 – “Does Job fear God for nothing?... But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” God allowed Satan to test Job but limited how far he could go.

3. Job Lost Everything in a Day

Job 1:20-21 – “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

In one tragic day, Job lost his wealth, his servants, and all his children. Still, he worshiped God.

4. Job Was Afflicted with Painful Sores

Job 2:7 – “So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”

He sat in ashes and scraped himself with broken pottery—completely alone and in agony.

5. Job's Wife Told Him to Curse God

Job 2:9 – “Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!”
But Job responded with faith, refusing to sin with his lips.

6. Job's Friends Gave Bad Advice

Job 4:7-8 – “Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off?”

They believed Job was being punished for wrongdoing, but God later rebuked them for misjudging Job.

7. Job Cried Out in Deep Sorrow

Job 3:11 – “Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?”
His lament shows that faith includes expressing real emotions before God.

8. God Finally Spoke to Job

Job 38:4 – “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell Me, if you understand.”

God’s words humbled Job and reminded him of who truly rules the world.

9. Job Repented and Acknowledged God's Greatness

Job 42:5-6 – “My ears had heard of You but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”
He gained a deeper understanding of God through suffering.

10. God Restored Job's Fortunes

Job 42:10 – “And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”
His restoration shows that God sees, rewards, and blesses faithfulness in His perfect timing.