



WHAT LIES

BENEATH

Job's Inconvenient Truth:

At Times Life Is Painful

At Times Life Isn't Fair

At Times God Disappoints Us

Questions Raised in Job:

1. Is God Unfair?
2. Is God Silent?
3. Is God Hidden?

The story of Job isn't a story
about great suffering.
It is a story of great faith in
the face of great suffering.

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Job 1:1 NIV

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said:

Job 1:20 NIV

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Job 1:21 NIV

In all this, Job did not sin by
charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:22 NIV

Job Loses His Health

His wife said to him, “Are you
still maintaining your integrity?
Curse God and die!”

Job 2:9 NIV

Our incomplete ideas about
God often collapse under the
weight of the real world.

He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Job 2:10 NIV

Job's Friends Arrive

After this, Job opened his mouth
and cursed the day of his birth.

Job 3:1 NIV

What I feared has come upon
me; what I dreaded has
happened to me.

I have no peace, no quietness; I
have no rest, but only turmoil.”

Job 3:26-26 NIV

“Though I cry, ‘Violence!’ I get no response; though I call for help, there is no justice. He has blocked my way so I cannot pass; he has shrouded my paths in darkness.

Job 19:7-8 NIV

He has stripped me of my honor
and removed the crown from my
head. He tears me down on
every side till I am gone; he
uproots my hope like a tree.

Job 19:9-10 NIV

His anger burns against me; he
counts me among his enemies.
His troops advance in force; they
build a siege ramp against me
and encamp around my tent.

Job 19:11-12 NIV

“He has alienated my family from me; my acquaintances are completely estranged from me. My relatives have gone away; my closest friends have forgotten me.

Job 19:13-14 NIV

“Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling!

Job 23:2-3 NIV

I would state my case before him
and fill my mouth with
arguments. I would find out what
he would answer me, and
consider what he would say to
me.

Job 23:4-5 NIV

“But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

Job 23:8-9 NIV

But he knows the way that I
take; when he has tested me, I
will come forth as gold.
My feet have closely followed his
steps; I have kept to his way
without turning aside.

Job 23:10-11 NIV

Job saw the darkest side
of life, heard the deepest
silence, and still believed.

I have not departed from the
commands of his lips; I have
treasured the words of his mouth
more than my daily bread.

Job 23:12 NIV

Then the Lord spoke to Job out
of the storm....

Job 38:1 NIV

Then Job replied to the Lord:
“I know that you can do all
things; no purpose of yours can
be thwarted... My ears had
heard of you but now my eyes
have seen you.

Job 42:1-2, 6 NIV

Takeaways from Job:

Don't confuse life with God.

Takeaways from Job:

God can handle the
honesty about your pain.

Takeaways from Job:

God is interested in a faith that believes when there is no good reason to believe.

Takeaways from Job:

God will not prevent pain, but
God can redeem the pain.

Takeaways from Job:

Don't turn an unanswered prayer into unconcerned God nor confuse the circumstances around you with how God feels about you.

Takeaways from Job:

Your Heavenly Father knows about you, He's there with you, He cares for you, and He has a plan for your life.

When I can't see His hand,
when I can't hear His voice,
and when I can't feel His
presence, I will trust His heart.

Even if I lose it all,
He is enough.