

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 2

Does Job agree with the accusations and assertions of his “friends” regarding the reason for his suffering? What is his consistent response to them about his standing before God (examples: Job 23:8-12, Job 31:5-8)?

What hope does Job cling to in his suffering (Job 19:23-27)? Do you cling to this same hope in times of trouble? Why or why not?

How would you answer Bildad’s questions in Job 25:4?

What does Job request in his reply to Eliphaz in Job 23:1-7? Why?

According to Job, God tells humanity that “The fear of the Lord is wisdom” (Job 28:28). What then does it mean to be wise?

What is the purpose of God’s questions to Job in Chapters 38-41? How does Job respond to those questions?

Rabbi Boruch Clinton believes that the three main questions of the Book of Job are:

- 1. Why do bad things happen to good people?**
- 2. Is God really in control of this world?**
- 3. Is God just?**

What answers do you believe the Book of Job offers to these questions? Do these answers fit with what you believe about God’s sovereignty (control), justice, and why there is suffering in the world? Why or why not?

What do we learn about God and our relationship with God from the Book of Job?