

# What is the Bible? - Job and Psalms

## **Job**

Theme: "The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21 KJV)

- I. Disaster strikes (Job 1, 2)
- II. Job's conversation with three "friends" (Job 3-31)
- III. A young man rebukes them all (Job 32-37)
- IV. The LORD speaks (Job 38-41)
- V. Job's repentance and restoration (Job 42)

Time: The events probably took place in the days of the patriarchs (about 2000 B.C.) and was written down as the book of Job much later.

Author: unknown

Messianic Promises: Job 19:25-27

Well-known Verses: Job 1:21

Summary: Job loses everything and has no idea why. He continues to honor God but as the pain continues he more and more questions God's fairness. His "friends" insist that he must have done something to deserve this since God is just. Finally, the Lord calls Job and his friends to account. He does not explain himself, but clearly states that he is God and they are but creatures. His ways are far above ours. Our place is to humbly listen to him. Job repents of his questioning of God and the Lord's blessings is restored.

1. The Bible clearly teaches the following truths: 1) God is just. 2) We are sinners. 3) Therefore, we rightly deserve God's punishment. Job's friends expressed these truths as they spoke to Job. Why, then, were the friends wrong in what they said?

## **Psalms**

Theme:

Blessed is everyone who delights in the word of the Lord (based on Psalm 1:1, 2)  
Meditations on fearing, loving, and trusting in God above all.  
A miniature Bible beautifully and briefly embracing Christ.  
A Christian's prayerbook revealing the hearts of the saints.  
A mirror to know our true self in Christ.  
A hymn of praise to the Lord for Christ's saving work and glorious kingdom.

- I. Book One (Psalms 1-41) - Most of the Psalms by David
- II. Book Two (Psalms 42-72) - Most of the Psalms by David and those associated with him
- III. Book Three (Psalms 73-89) - Most of the Psalms by Asaph or the sons of Korah
- IV. Book Four (Psalms 90-106) - Most of the Psalms themed around praise and thanks
- V. Book Five (Psalms 107-150) - Most of the Psalms themed around praise and thanks

Messianic Promises: Too many to list

Well-known Verses: Too many to list

Authors: David, Asaph, Heman, Ethan, sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses

2. Nominate Psalms for a top-ten list. Explain why it should be included.