

Great Questions of the Bible -- 6

Through this series of looking at some of the great questions in the Bible, I have been trying to answer the question posed, and give a reasonable exposition of the scripture at the same time. When it comes to the Book of Job, and the question posed by Job's wife, I am left with more questions than answers.

"Then his wife said to him, *"Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"* (Job 2:9 (ESV)).

At the beginning of the book, Job is described like this. *"And that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil"* (Job 1:1b (ESV)).

So Job was not an evil man, yet ...

... yet God allowed Satan to take away all his possessions, to kill his children, and then to inflict Job himself with loathsome sores. Job was reduced to sitting in the ashes scraping his sores with a pot shard.

But Job was not an evil man.

His reply to his wife -- *"You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?"* (Job 2:10 (ESV)). And the scripture continues, *"In all this Job did not sin with his lips."*

As you read the Book of Job, you find that Job did maintain his integrity, and never once did he curse God, or wish to die.

Job's friends repeatedly told him that for God to be treating him this way, he must have done something really bad. I think sometimes we think the same way. We expect that if we are really good, we deserve to lead a trouble-free life. Why me? Is a cry we might make when things go wrong.

Job's attitude was that we might enjoy blessings from God, but is that any reason why things should not go wrong also? But, that isn't fair! I hear you say. The question is, though, who promised you fair?

God rebukes Job's friends for attacking Job and for presuming on God's sovereign will. Then God rebukes Job by reminding him that only God is perfect in all His ways.

Included in God's presentation of His greatness are many questions: *"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?"* (Job 38:4). (Which is another great question that we will consider next month)

I know people who suffer greatly in this life, yet maintain their integrity, because, in Job's words, *"I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth"* (Job 19:25 (ESV)). Colin R. Vine

September 2019



This is a message from Dee Donnini, from Stockton Town Centre regarding the food bank at Hebron.

Hebron Hall Food Parcels

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and raise awareness of the amazing work being carried out in our area by Hebron Hall Church.

The ladies and gentlemen who give up their time not only to give those going through hard times some much needed food and personal care products, but also a person to talk to and a shoulder to cry on, are amazing selfless people who think and act for others, as are those who donate food to these organisations ...

... I would like to send my sincere thanks to those who give up their time to help those less fortunate through some of the most terrible times.

Thank you, all at Hebron Hall Stockton, amazing work by amazing people.

28 September 2019 from
6.00 - 7.30 pm.



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Weekly Schedule

(*See the panels on the right for details of speakers)

Sunday

10.00 am -- Breaking of Bread
11.15 am -- Good News Service*
6.15 pm -- Prayer time
6.30 pm -- Evening Service*

Monday

2.30 pm -- Ladies Meeting*
8.00 pm -- Bible Study

Tuesday

10.00 am -- Carpet Bowls
6.00 pm -- Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10.00 am -- Food Bank

Thursday

10.00 am -- Coffee and Chat*
(First Thursday of the month only)
6.00 pm -- Pathfinders
7.30 pm -- Midweek Meeting

Friday

10.00 am -- Food Bank
6.00 pm -- Pathos

First Saturday of the Month Only

8.30 am -- Prayer Meeting

Speakers

Good New Service Sunday Morning -- 11.15 am

1 September -- Family Service
8 September -- Colin Vine -- Acts 7:54 - 8:8
15 September -- Graham Edwards -- Acts 8:9-25
22 September -- Barry Laidler -- Acts 8:26-40
29 September -- Ian Jacobs -- Acts 9:1-19

Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

2 September -- Welcome Back
9 September -- Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea
16 September -- Alan Coyle
23 September -- Neil Anderson
30 September -- Gillian Clayton

Just For Fun (Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?

Answers from August

1. The brother of James, the Son of Zebedee, was John (Matthew 4:21)
2. The Ten Commandments are found in Exodus. Give yourself an extra point if you knew it was chapter 20
3. The 150 Psalms found in the Old Testament are divided into Five Books (Book 1 -- 1-41; Book 2 -- 42-72; Book 3 -- 73-89; Book 4 -- 90-106; Book 5 -- 107-150)

Evening Service Sunday -- 6.30 pm

1 September -- Kevin Hornsby
8 September -- Colin Vine
15 September -- Warren Harrison
22 September -- TBC
29 September -- John McIlhinney

Coffee & Chat Thursday 5th -- 10.00 am



June & Susan
A Trip to Australia

Death is proof
that Jesus was
human.

Resurrection is
proof that He is
God

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