

## Great Questions of the Bible 7

When I read the Book of Job, it is easy for me to think that Job was badly treated by God. He lost all his possessions, he lost his family, and he lost his good health. That is bad, isn't it? He didn't deserve it, did he?

We need to step back a little bit and reassess what we might think that we are reading. Job's friends tell him repeatedly that he must have sinned greatly for God to punish him in the way he has.

What is really humbling, and the point that I want you to understand, is what Job had to say about it. *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD"* (Job 1:21).

But Job wanted answers, and he wanted them from God. *"Let the Almighty answer me,"* he says in Job 31:35. When God does speak, it is not to answer Job, but to question him.

*"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?"* (Job 38:4 (ESV)).

One commentator I read recently

said that God highlighted the sheer insignificance of Job when compared to the creation. There is so much more to it than that.

I have heard people say, "God will not give you more to cope with than you can bear." I would love to see the scripture for that, because I cannot find it. Tell Job that. He was not able to bear it. I have had things during my life that I have not been able to cope with, or withstand. Regularly, people I know are unable to bear with, or withstand, grief, hardship, and any number of things that impact their lives. We cannot cope. Sometimes, we cannot handle things, and we are totally incapable of withstanding what life throws at us.

Jesus said, *"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). In 1 Peter 5:6-7, these words, *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

We do not have the mind of God, but he cares for us. He cares for us in all our troubles, and when we cannot bear our burdens, He will, because He cares for us.

Colin R. Vine

# October 2019

Monthly Bulletin



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We are collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Samaritan's Purse, International Relief effort again this year.

If you can help, please bring in your filled Shoe Box at, or before, the November Family Service (3 November 2019). Thank you.

We accept Cash Donations, if you would rather participate this way

Please do not include Tootpaste or Sweets, as they are not permitted by import regulations

**Tuesday, 19 November**  
**Xcel Centre, Newton**  
**Aycliffe DL5 6AP**  
7:30 - 10:00pm

Themes:

- Free to be me
- Free to be loved and to love
- Free to be real
- Free to be brave



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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

6 October -- Family Service  
13 October -- Koen Hellendoorn -- Acts 9:20-31  
20 October -- Colin Vine -- Acts 9:32-43  
27 October -- Graham Edwards -- Acts 10



### Evening Service Sunday -- 6.30 pm

6 October -- Alan Barber  
13 October -- Colin Vine  
20 October -- TBD  
27 October -- TBD



### Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

7 October -- Alan Barber  
14 October -- Claudine Uwizeye  
21 October -- Denis Taylor  
28 October -- David Akers



### Coffee & Chat Thursday 3rd -- 10.00 am

Naomi Kelly  
and  
Brengele the Therapy Dog



### Just For Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Paul was shipwrecked while being taken to Rome under escort. Where?
2. What work was Matthew doing when Jesus called him to become a disciple?
3. Who wrote the Book of Revelation?

### Answers from September

1. It was Simeon who recognised the baby Jesus when his parents brought him to the temple (Luke 2:22-35).
2. There are twenty-seven books in the New Testament.
3. Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus' body after his crucifixion (John 19:38).

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the flower fades  
but the  
**WORD**  
of our  
**GOD**  
will stand  
FOREVER  
Isaiah 40:8

