

HOW DOES GOD SEE YOU ?

If I were to ask you who went through the most hardships in the Bible, one of the first names that would come up is Job. A man who tried to do good in all things and suddenly loses everything. He loses his children, his financial security, livestock, servants, health, even his own wife and friends begin to turn against him. When we read of all Job went through, we can't help but feel sorry for him. Other times we might even feel like him. The popular phrase "when it rains, it pours" seems to hold true when it comes to Job. We think of Job, we think of all the pain and suffering he endured. But have you ever thought about what God thought of Job, and what that means about us?

Beginning in **Job 1**, there was a divine council in heaven. Satan was there with all the other angels and in **Job 1:8**, " And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Now, we may often read over this verse quickly and not realize what all is being said, or maybe we are so amazed with the concept of Satan and God having a conversation that we forget what is actually being said. But, do you realize that God was bragging about Job? He was proud of Job. God had watched him and noticed his character and faithfulness, even when no-one else did. Think about it, Job offered sacrifices and prayed to God on behalf of his children, just in case they had sinned, and he did this continually. Even though his time of being tempted, he did not sin. His wife and friends obviously didn't notice all that he had done. His wife told him to simply curse God and die and his friends thought surely he had done something wrong. But God knew and he bragged about it. In like manner, God notices us as well. He sees our faithfulness. He sees how hard you work for Him, even when no-one else does. He sees when you give your time, energy, and strength to others without thanks. He sees you avoid temptation and work honestly. He sees you faithfully give to His church and pray earnestly, and that makes Him glad and He will reward you for it. (**Matthew 6:2-6**)

Because Job is so faithful, Satan accuses God of bribing Job, and God does something amazing next. God puts His reputation on the line and trusts in Job's faithfulness. In **Job 1:12** God says to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not

stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord." Later in **Job 2:6** God says to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life." God let Satan attack everything of Job. He could practically do anything but kill him. Yet Job remains faithful. God does the same thing to us as well. It is amazing to think that God trusts us that much! **1 Corinthians 10:13** says, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." Every adversity, challenge, and attack is an opportunity to prove God right! God is faithful and He is willing to put His faith in us. Therefore, let us remain steadfast under trials and understand that God is with us and for us.

Finally, as we skip to the end of Job, we see something else that is quite encouraging. Through **Job 38-41**, God straightens out Job's perspective. Then He does three things for Job. He rebuked his friends, elevated his status, and restores his fortunes with extra. God honored Job's faithfulness. **Job 42:12** says, "And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." The same can be true for us as well. When we face opposition and remain faithful. When we put all of our faith and trust in Him. He will lift you up, reward, and bless you. **Colossians 3:23-24** says, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Also, **Hebrews 11:6** says, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." Maybe today you are being blessed by God, or maybe you are going through trials and temptations. Whether good or bad, remember what that means God thinks about you. Stand firm in the faith, resist the devil and he will flee from you. (**James 4:7**)

Andrew Spivey

TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, MARCH 13th; SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT



COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 2 Samuel 18
Wednesday Read – 2 Samuel 19

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **2 Samuel 16-17**.

1. Why did Shimei curse David and what was David's response?
2. Why was Hushai nice to Absalom?
3. Why did these bad things happen to David?
4. What was Ahithopel's and Hushai's advice to Absalom and whose advice did he take?
5. Where did the woman hide Jonathan and Ahimaaz?

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

On **Sunday, March 13th**, the elders have decided we will have a special contribution day. Any amount, over our normal budget, will be sent to Christians in Ukraine. Please plan now to make an additional contribution to help support the congregations in Ukraine.

YOUTH MINISTER

Congratulations to **Garrett Rowlett** on becoming the new Youth Minister here at Nashville Road. We are very excited for Garrett and for our youth.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 13, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby

WEDNESDAY

March 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pat Watson

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Charles Simmons is home with pneumonia. Archie and Karen Wallace are both home recovering from covid. Evelyn Harris had knee replacement and is now home and doing well. Ralph Turner had surgery on his thumb and is home doing well. Wanda Seals will continue therapy for her back. Bob & Wanda Gregory are both having health issues. Christopher Wooten, nephew of Wanda & Alex Sherrill, broke both legs. Steven Simmons son of Charles and Fay Simmons continues to recover from back surgery. Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, is having therapy at home daily. Ty Tyler, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. Ronnie Love, cousin of Pam Newby, bone cancer. Craig Sweeney, son of James & Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. John Arnold, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Jim Sweeney; Sandi Jones; Demar Elam; Ricky Cantrell; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; Frances Catron; William Dunn; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; Wade & Wanda Kennedy parents of Diana Stephenson; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Wayne Holt; Lawrence Redding, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; Joyce Savage, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Melba Hill; Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; Dorothy Sullivan, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	101
Morning Worship.....	135
Sunday Evening.....	83
Wednesday Evening.....	72
Contributions.....	\$7,565.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,668.00

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