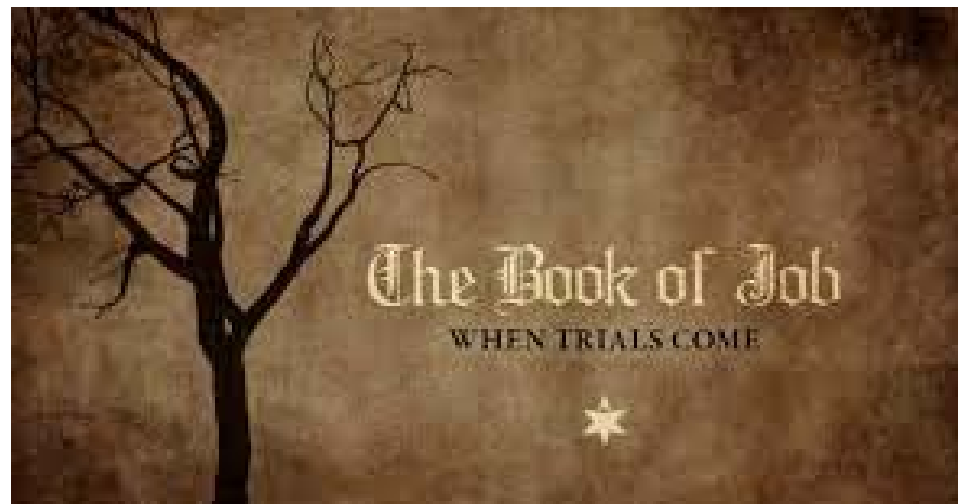


Friday, January 6: Read [Job 40-42](#)

Finally Job responds to God's discourse, repents and God restores him. And so concludes one of the most curious books of the Bible. In your own struggles, have you come to false conclusions about God? Or have you faulted God's justice or wisdom, or doubted God's love? Ask God to purify your heart and trust him to work in and through all of your life circumstance, whether good or bad.

Notes:



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.*
- *Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
 1. *How does this apply to me?*
 2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
 3. *What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 2: Read [Job 1-3](#)

Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are part of the poetic literature of the Bible. This week we will sidetrack to another example of Hebrew poetry, Job. For times' sake we'll simply survey several key chapters. Job's theme affects all of us -- human suffering and the sovereignty of God. What life lessons can you draw from Job's experience?

Notes:

Monday's Prayer Request Next Page

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, **John Smith** (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

- The upcoming prayer service, "The Call", scheduled for January 15.

Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

Monday Pray for:

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*

Tuesday, January 3: Read [Job 4-5](#)

Three friends come to comfort Job. In reality, they end up confronting him, suggesting that he has done something bad to deserve his plight. Eliphaz is a good example of how the three try to convince Job that his circumstances are his fault. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday January 4: Read [Job 32-37](#)

Skip over to a fourth friend, Elihu. Job is finished arguing with the others, so Elihu takes his stand. He likewise seeks to justify God, who can never do wrong while questioning our ability to understand God's actions. He seems to better represent God than the other three and apparently is not admonished by God in Chapter [42:7-9](#).

Notes:

Wednesday Prayer Next Page

**Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, January 5: Read [Job 38-39](#)

God speaks up. He doesn't answer Job but rather asks him a series of questions. God seems to be establishing one simple fact -- He is mortal and Job is not. How could this help Job to cope with his plight?

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God brings into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.