

# KOINOS PRAYER POINTERS



1. Pray for missionaries that we are supporting:-
  - a. Bro Mark Matthews work among the ethnic groups in Malaysia.
  - b. Rev Jeannie Phang work among the youth home in China.  
PRAY FOR DIVINE PROTECTION, ANOINTING AND WISDOM.
2. Pray for THE STATE OF SELANGOR.
  - for MB Tan Sri Khalid and his EXCO to be filled with righteousness and wisdom in running the state.
  - pray against any plans to sabotage the stability of the State and Selangor will enjoy spiritual renewal, economic blessings and be a model state.
3. Pray for the evangelistic/revival meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August with Ps Jaeson Ma from US that God will save many souls and a revival fire to be started.
4. Pray for needs among us.



**THEME: 'GOD IS IN CHARGE.'**

**LESSON 1 –  
"SEEING BEHIND THE CURTAIN"**

## Introduction.

Job is generally known as a book that deals with suffering. While Job certainly suffers immensely, (in fact, his name means "sorrowful" or "he that weeps") this book is about God's unfathomable wisdom and perfect plan. This book confronts us with the question of whether or not we truly trust God. Do we trust him even when his wisdom and plan are so far beyond us that we cannot begin to understand it?

Or when we suffer, do we throw up our hands in surrender, or do we stand strong in our trust in God and faith in Christ, rejoicing in the hope and glory of God? We will see that Job, though "prostrated by total grief, still turns and cries to no one but God." When everything else is gone, Job is able to say that God is enough.

In this first chapter, we get a glimpse of what goes on in the unseen world and meet the man called Job. Job did not have the benefit of the written Word of God, a religious family heritage, a place to worship, a pastor to teach him, or hundreds of multimedia tools to help him know God. Yet he knew God. Job 1:1 tells us that Job knew God in a way that many of us today do not. He knew God enough to fear him and to shun all that was not of him.

The customs described in Job lead scholars to believe that Job lived in the time of the Patriarchs—during the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He lived in a time before prophets told people about God’s plans. In the chronological timeline, Job would have lived around Genesis 11 period.

**1.** Job - Fear God and \_\_\_\_\_.

Job was ‘blameless and upright.’ Job 1:1. The picture painted in the original Hebrew is that of a man who is morally straight and innocent. Job was a man who feared God. Job 1:8

**Question:** What do you think it means to fear God? Is there any difference between fearing God **before** we became Christians and now that you a Christian?

**2.** Job had great wealth, but \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

Read Job 1:2-5.

Job had incredible wealth. Job’s sacrifices to God are amazing. There was no priest then to tell him to make sacrifices and no scripture to refer to but Job understood what is sin and a holy God.

Because the punishment for sin is death and a holy God requires justice, animals were sacrificed to provide the blood sacrifice to pay for sin. This was the practice until Jesus, the Lamb of God offered himself as the ultimate and final sacrifice for sin.

**Question:** We no longer offer sacrifices as a result but there are other “sacrifices” that God expects from us. Let different members read out the following scripture verses and find out what these sacrifices are. What is the difference between OT sacrifices and the sacrifices of today?

**Psalms 51:17; Romans 12:1; 15:16; Philippians 4:18. Hebrews 13:15-16.**

**Question:** Job was worried about the sins of his children. What did he do? What about us? How can we protect our children and grandchildren from sin? (See Proverbs 22:6; 23:13-14).

3. Satan wants to \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Job 1:8-11.

Satan attacks God's assessment of Job, alleging that Job only fears God because there is something in it for him. He says that Job only put God in high regard in proportion to the blessings God gives him: "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

**Question:** How do we ascertain that we **are not** believing Jesus simply because we are looking for His favor and blessings?

**Question:** What do these passages reveal about Satan, the accuser? What must we be aware of and be careful of?

2 Timothy 2:23-26 and 1 Peter 5:8-9.

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