

The Conclusion of the Matter — Job 42:1-17
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Introduction

A tale from my childhood – an encounter at Crossfields School.

The story of Job so far:

Job 1-2

- Job was a very good man, who feared God and lived rightly
- One day God and Satan were discussing Job and Satan asked, ***‘Does Job serve God for nothing?’***
- God agreed to let Satan test Job
- Satan carried out a double attack on Job’s family, possessions and health
- Job’s wife told him to curse God and die, but Job refused to speak badly of God (2:9-10)
- Three of Job’s friends turned up and sat around for a week

Job 3-37

- Job’s friends tried to comfort him, but they just made things worse with their constant religious explanations
- Job prayed a lot about his terrible losses but God didn’t answer him
- Job became increasingly frustrated and shook his fist at heaven, demanding that God should come and explain himself

Job 38-41

- Suddenly God spoke to Job and showed himself to him
- God asked Job what it was that he wanted to say

Job 42 Overview

Vs 1-6

- ✓ Final speech in book of Job
- ✓ Job is speaking but doesn’t say much
- ✓ Job repeats two of God’s earlier questions to him (40:4-5) and more or less says that he can’t answer them

Vs 7-17 –Epilogue

- ✓ Vs 7-9 Job is asked to offer sacrifices for and pray for his three rotten friends
- ✓ Relationships are restored
- ✓ Job gets back all his material blessings in duplicate (Vs 10-15)
- ✓ Finally, the book closes with a record of Job’s death and his descendents (Vs 16-17)

Four points from Job 42

Worship

Warfare

Doctrine

Dust and Ashes