

Women's Bible Study

This powerpoint
follows
Lessons 11 and 12

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF JOB

AND THE LORD
Blessed
JOB

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- Turn statements of confusion into statements of **anticipation**.

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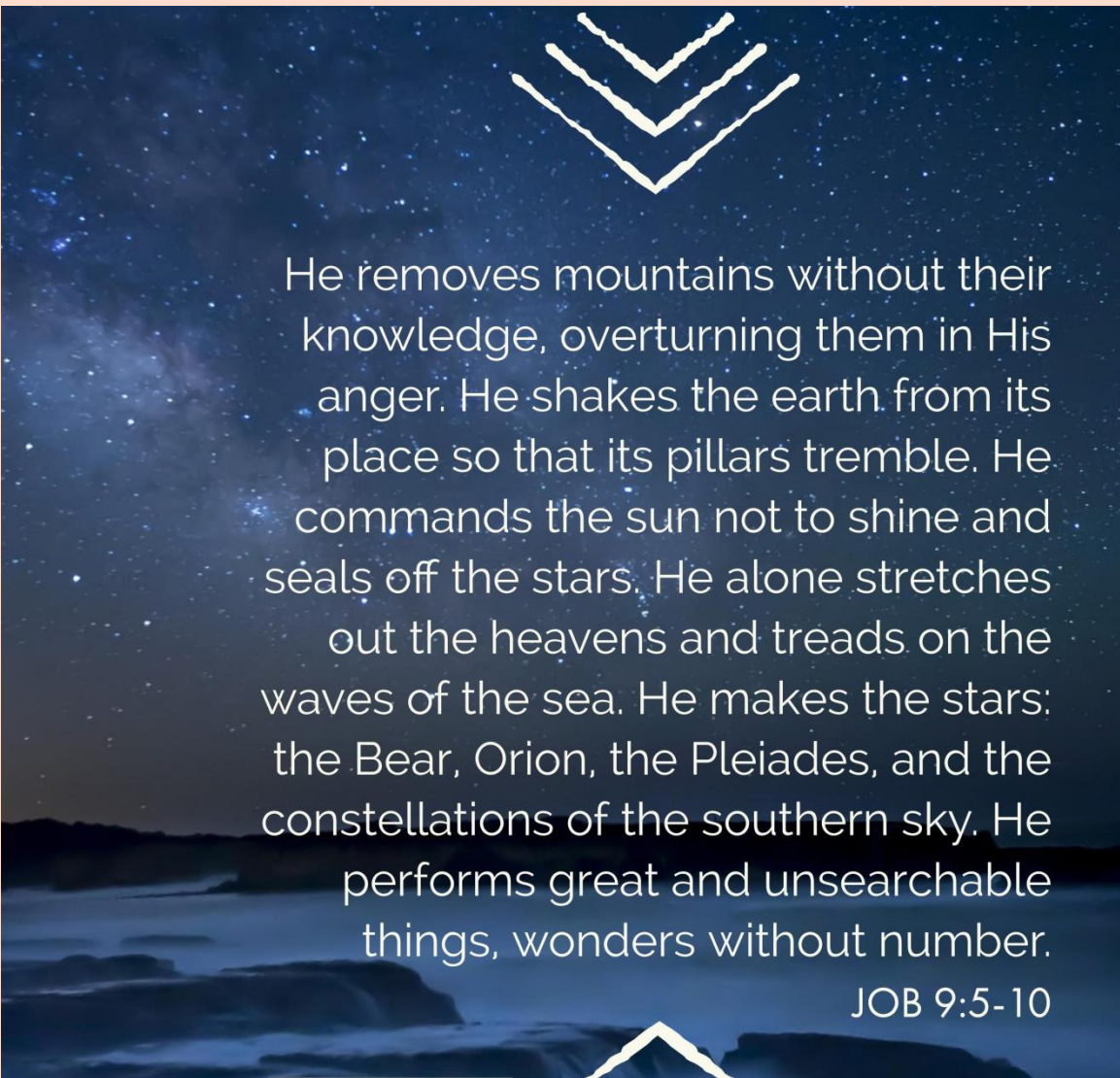
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- What is the answer to Job’s question? **Romans 3:23-24** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

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- The impossibility of being declared innocent of all wrong, being acquitted of any crimes, and being made right with God – is possible through the grace of God as He puts **all our sin on Jesus**, and puts **all of Jesus' righteousness on us**.

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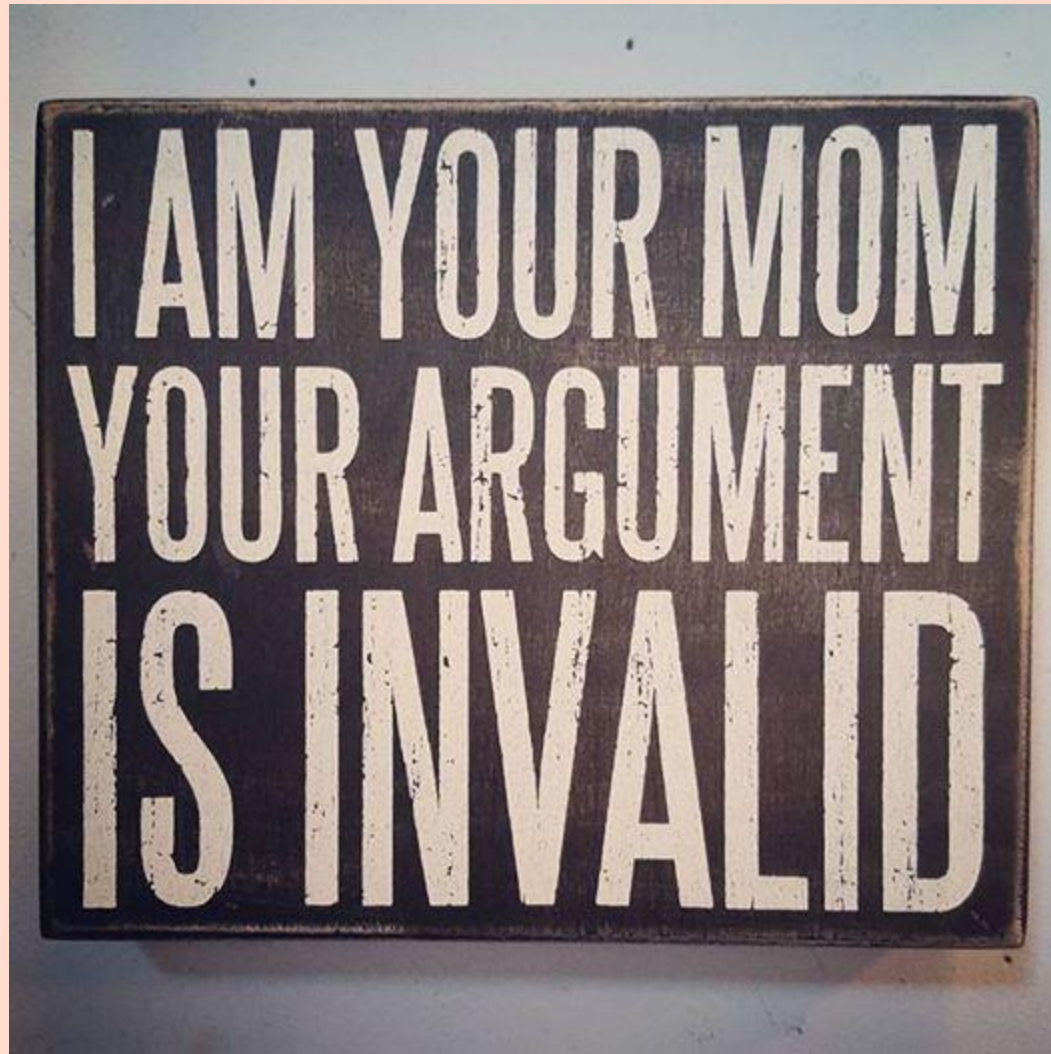
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- Jesus is the one who can accomplish impossible things... and makes it possible **for man to join Him**.
- **Matthew 14:25-31** ²⁵ Around three in the morning,¹ He came toward them walking on the sea. ²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's You," Peter answered Him, "command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ "Come!" He said. And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

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- Job emphasizes the *transcendence* of God as well as His *sovereignty*.
- It's impossible - *how* can Job speak with God or argue with Him?
- **Job 9:11-15** ¹¹ If He passes by me, I wouldn't see Him; if He goes right by, I wouldn't recognize Him. ¹² If He snatches something, who can stop Him? Who can ask Him, "What are You doing?" ¹³ God does not hold back His anger; Rahab's assistants cringe in fear beneath Him! ¹⁴ How then can I answer Him or choose my arguments against Him? ¹⁵ Even if I were in the right, I could not answer. I could only beg my Judge for mercy. ¹⁶ If I summoned Him and He answered me, I do not believe He would pay attention to what I said.

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- **Hebrews 4:14-16** ¹⁴ Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens-- Jesus the Son of God-- let us hold fast to the confession.^a ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.

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- An impossible situation:
- **Job 9:32-33** ³² "For He is not a man, as I am, That I may answer Him, And that we should go to court together. ³³ Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both.
- Job despaired that there was **no mediator** between them to bring about **reconciliation**.

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- God did what was impossible [to even imagine](#).... With a heartfelt response to our need, He [sent His Son](#) to us.
- ^{NKJ} **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- **Colossians 1:19-20** ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross-- whether things on earth or things in heaven.
- **1 Timothy 2:5-6** ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all
- Job makes profound statements and requests... which everyone on earth should consider and [recognize as their greatest need](#).

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- **The impossible questions of Job are answered by Jesus, the God-man who sees our sin, and forgives our sin.**
- ^{NAS} **John 10:28** I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

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- The 2nd Hymn of Praise – Job 10:8-12
- ^{CSB} **Job 10:8** Your hands shaped me and formed me. Will You now turn around and destroy me? ⁹ Please remember that You formed me like clay. Will You now return me to dust? ¹⁰ Did You not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? ¹¹ You clothed me with skin and flesh, and wove me together with bones and tendons. ¹² You gave me life and faithful love, and Your care has guarded my life.
- Job has knowledge and the **accurate** understanding of the **origins** of life, and even understands the amazing act of conception.
- Job is wrestling with trying to understand God's **good** providence with His **divine** prerogative.



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- This is the best impossibility..... it is impossible to grasp all that God is.
- **Ephesians 3:17-19** I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and width, height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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