

Job



The Book of Job is an attempt to unravel the mystery of suffering in the lives of just people. Job was a holy man whose faith in God was put to the test by Satan and the book is a poetic dialogue, a series of speeches in which Job defends himself.

Job was the patriarch of a nomadic tribe and thanked God for his riches in the form of family, fields and flock. He used the riches to help the poor and weak, and was much loved and respected in the community.



God was proud of Job but Satan attributed his good qualities to the abundance of riches bestowed upon him. When God allowed Satan to test Job, he was stripped of his riches one by one. He lost everything, including his beloved children and his own health. But he did not lose his faith in God.

When three of his friends arrived to console him, trying to convince him that his misfortune must have been the result of some wrong he may have committed, Job rejected this retribution theory, insisting on his innocence in a poetic dialogue that forms a bulk of the book.

Next, Job looked for a neutral judge, who might stand between God and him and work out a fair judgement but realised it was a useless exercise. He felt forsaken, alone and mocked by his wife and friends but did not give up.

Finally Yahweh entered the debate and showed who He was – stronger and wiser than human beings – by involving Job in a process of learning. Job repented and acknowledged that true faith is putting oneself in God’s hands with trust and hope.



Word of God

Job 40: 1 – 5

Job, you challenged Almighty God; will you give up now, or will you answer? I spoke foolishly, Lord. What can I answer? I will not try to say anything else. I have already said more than I should.

Insight



Mary Kom, Boxing Legend

MC Mary Kom (Born on March 1, 1983) is a six-time world champion and a 2012 Olympian bronze medalist. She is the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the six world championships. A devoted mother, Mary Kom has continued to rise in her boxing career while looking after her children. She has been honoured with the Padma Shri.

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