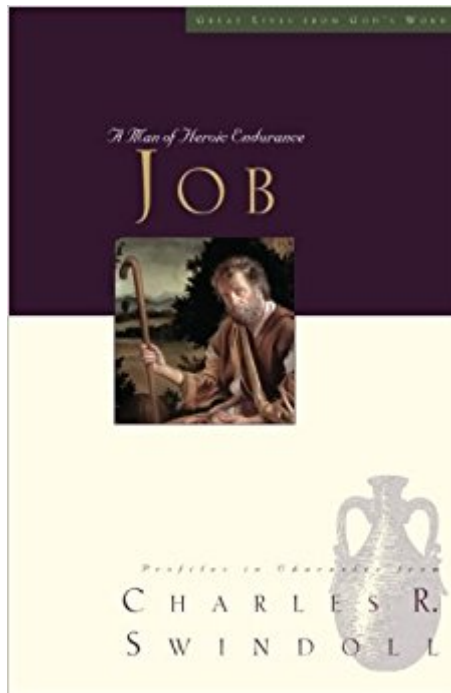


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# Great Lives: Job: A Man Of Heroic Endurance (Great Lives (Thomas Nelson))



## Synopsis

Job A Man of Colossal Faith in the Face of Overwhelming Tragedy Job, a study in pathetic tragedy . . . a hapless victim of unfair treatment. His disastrous circumstances overwhelmed him. His boil-covered body tormented him. His so-called friends belittled him. His distraught wife discouraged him. Even God seemed to desert him?letting Satan have his devilish way. And Job sat patiently by, enduring it all. Not a portrait of a hero. Or is it? Could a man with ordinary internal fortitude stay faithful as Job did? Could a wimp endure the excruciating pain, suffering, and loss that this man did? No hero? Think again. After a year of focused research into the life of Job, Charles Swindoll says, "Job appears boldly in the ancient book of the Bible that bears his name, and yet most of us have not taken the time to examine his life in depth. But a careful study of Job's life will convince us that this is another of God's amazing men with heroic character qualities worth emulating." Travel with Swindoll into the world of Job: A Man of Heroic Endurance. "Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us." So pay close attention to Job's life. Who knows what God will do next in your life?

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## Customer Reviews

Once again, Chuck Swindoll has written a fine book on a particular biblical character and shows how we can learn from the person's example (bad and good). Consistent with his other books, Swindoll pulls no punches in describing Job's character, his circumstances, and the people around

him. Since the Bible also pulls no punches, Swindoll's writing style is particularly enjoyable and challenging. Among the important points Swindoll covers include: 1. Mark of a true friend. 2. Job challenged his accusers at the appropriate time. 3. Like Job, you sometimes have to be direct and blunt with graceless people who do not have a clue. 3. Jesus often suffered false accusations. 4. Sometimes we just have to tune others out and focus on what God says about us and our circumstances (sometimes God has to tell us things we do not want to hear but need to). 5. Integrity is all that matters and 3 things to learn from Job's integrity. 6. Characteristics of a broken heart. 7. Excellent advice for staying young as you age. 8. 7 lessons Job teaches us about God. In my humble opinion, the person who is most brokenhearted and hopeless will benefit most from the book - the self-sufficient or self-confident need not waste their time (the Bible says a lot about confidence in God instead of self). In other words, readers who need encouragement will be uplifted the most. Read, enjoy, and be encouraged!

As he has done with other Great Lives biblical biographies (see David, Esther, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, and Paul), Charles R. Swindoll provides a deep look at Job. This is not a biblical biographical fictionalized account of the bible. Instead, he furberishes a study starting with the Old Testament passages that first paint a picture of a pious, happy and successful person until "Sahtan" challenges God to test the holiness of Job by stripping away his life. Job becomes the victim of the ultimate test of humankind's faith in God when even the Lord apparently abandoned him. Will he lose his belief, as he suffers from one Sahtan atrocity after another; or will his faith enable him to endure? Mr. Swindoll goes over the passages with a fine toothcomb providing modern day examples to explain the underlying lessons of Job. Most people who have read the biblical book find it difficult to accept why God would allow such an extreme experiment especially on a good person. Besides providing obvious insight into Job, Mr. Swindoll offers intriguing insight into the key "characters" who star in this drama and a theory as to why the events occurred. Biblical readers will appreciate this powerful deep look into Job, a man with the fortitude to endure incredibly devilish torture. Harriet Klausner

Swindoll has delivered a message of dignity not pity. He has given the reader a taste of the bitter reality which Job faced. Swindoll not only connects the reader to Job but also to modern/contemporary times and application. Swindoll comforts the reader by letting him know it's perfectly acceptable and normal to feel hurt, betrayed, frustrated, and victimized during hard-times; he offers the reader hope to hang on. This book should be required for all people who have never suffered or experienced loss prior to offering their well-intentioned reasons, formulas, advice and

"comfort". Swindoll has not only brought out the integrity and endurance of Job but also the dignity of Job in suffering. A must read for those going into (or active therein) ministry.

I really enjoyed this book. I wasn't sure of the topic. You always hear how Job suffered. Swindoll takes the approach that Job endures. I loved the chapter on how to handle criticism with class. Just a different take on a great man of the Bible. It's long enough to cover the whole book of the Bible but short enough to keep your interest. I highly recommend this book and all the others in the Great Lives series.

This is a very informative book about story of Job, but it could have been done in half the length (or less) ...it just goes on and on and on. Lots of side trips, anecdotes, marital advice (?) and other basically unrelated information that I found extremely tedious. Pages and pages of information on every single small aspect of the Job story - see Root Canal without Novocaine. The author really made me understand Job's pain - I too was crying, "Oh God, will this EVER be over?" I have read other books by Mr. Swindoll and have really enjoyed them - this one...not so much.

Any Biblical based biographies by Charles Swindoll are incredible. I have read several and can hardly put them down. I wanted to read Job as I read through the Bible every year and as many times as I have done it, I always want to know more about what the "friends" are talking about. It is an awesome read and I highly recommend it as well as the ones about Paul, Joseph etc.

This is thick book. Chuck Swindoll does his best to keep interesting. A lot of scripture to cover. Never knew that from chapter 3 up to part of last chapter was written as poetry. This explains so much. His commentary adds so much to his great lives series. The whole series is just absolutely great!

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