



HOW DID PEOPLE GRIEVE IN THE BIBLE? HOW DID GOD RESPOND?



FEATURE ARTICLE

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JOB

One of the most famous experiences of grief in the Bible, is the experience of a man named Job. Job was a faithful follower of God who had a daily relationship with Him.

One day, Satan came to God and told Him that Job only served God because of all the blessings that He had given him. So, God allowed for Job to be tested.

This test was meant to show whether his faith was based on what God had given him, or on who God is—a relational God of love.

So, God allowed Satan to remove everything He had given Job, except his life (Job 1).

And in a matter of seconds, Job lost his donkeys, oxen, sheep, camels, servants, and even his children.

It's hard to imagine how that must have felt.

And how did he respond?

He stood up, tore his garments, and shaved his head. These were ways of expressing deep grief and mourning in his culture.

Then He does something else. He falls to the ground and worships God saying:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

And naked shall I return there.

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;

Blessed be the name of the Lord."

And we're told that *"in all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong"* (Job 1:21,22 NKJV).

Interesting, isn't it?

Job had such a walk with his Creator that he knew whatever God would choose to do with His life, it would ultimately work out for good.

Over the course of his experience, his close friends distanced themselves from him (Job 19:14,15). Even his wife exclaimed at one

point, *"Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die"* (Job 2:9, NASB)!

Unfortunately, this is a familiar experience for many even today. You yourself may have gone through a time of loss where the people closest to you seemed to be the most distant. Others could even have turned against you.

And like Job, you may have wondered why God was silent, too (Job 30:20).

At this time, Job had many questions. To him, It didn't make sense why everything happened the way it did. He must have asked where God was when he needed Him?

But then, God breaks the silence in Job 38-42. He asks Job questions for which he has no answers. Questions which even scholars can't claim to understand. God reveals Himself as the infinite God. The One who knows the end from the beginning.

Something to note is that God isn't angry when we have questions. He's a reasonable God.

In fact, He loves it when we want to discuss things and talk them over with Him. When we want to connect with our Creator.

That is why He says, *"Come now, and let us reason together"* (Isaiah 1:18, NKJV).

He's okay with questions, but ultimately, we need to know that He is the One in control. He is working for the salvation of all who will trust in Him, and He has your best interest at heart.

God's existence, His character, His law, and His plans are inestimable. Yet, He desires to patiently instruct us to exercise faith in Him. To trust our case to the gentle, omnipotent hands of God. He gives enough evidence of His goodness to us, His earthly children, that we may have faith in Him.

The one question that He asks all of us is, *"Will you trust Me even when life takes an unexpected turn?"*

From Job's experience, we learn God sees everything that happens. From life's biggest crisis to the seemingly unnoticed teardrop, God sees it all, and He hears the cry of our hearts.

No matter what situation comes our way, God promises to ultimately turn around each and every one of them, and make it all *"work together for the good of those that love God"* (Romans 8:28).

Though God allowed tough times to come Job's way, it was not God's original intent. We must always remember that we are part of a great controversy. We live in a world where we know both "good and evil" (Genesis 3:5, 22), because of the choice humanity made.

But Satan is the one seeking to destroy and bring pain to all of us. And his efforts to twist and corrupt our world can feel overwhelming at times. He is hate-filled and sinister, and will happily play with your emotions. Then he will try to convince all that the deep sorrow, pain, and grief in the world comes from God.

As you can see, this controversy is over the character of God. In many ways, we can all relate to Job. And we can also strive to respond as Job did, always seeking comfort through the Lord, trusting His goodness, and holding on to His gentle hand even during the most devastating trials.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 OCTOBER

- 2 The Pink Impact (WM & Health) IWILLGO: "Cancer Patient/Survivor" Local Church Day of Prayer and Fasting/All Night Prayer Meeting (7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.)
- 7 IWILLGO: "Church Community" Local Church
- 9 IAD ONLINE AY
- 10 Pathfinder Exhibition
- 11 Let's Move to Live Fun Run
- 10 – 16 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer
- 15 – 16 SBC WM Conclave
- 15 – 17 Public Campus Ministries Weekend
- 16 Spirit of Prophecy Day
- 17 Father and Children Summit
- 17 - 23 Week of Prayer
- 21 Creation Sabbath
- 23 Ministerial Department Deacons and Deaconesses Appreciation (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- 24-30 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer
- 28 Executive Prayer Meeting
- 29 – 31 New Believers Growth Forum
- 30 Park 'N' Praise (Joint AY) Communications Leaders Meeting / Production begins for Christmas Broadcasts (ATV)



BIBLE CLASS

Sunday October 10, 2021 @6:30p.m.

This week in Bible Class, we will discuss Revelation 14 and the "Mark of the Beast." Zoom Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673 Passcode: 592256

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY

Sabbath October 16, 2021

-Pastor Lynden Williams, Bible Studies & Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES – C.H.A.M. DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY LEADERS' MEETING

Please note that there will be a very important meeting Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. for all C.H.A.M leaders. Zoom information will follow.

C.H.A.M WEEK OF PRAYER

October 24-30, 2021, under the theme 'Paper Prayers' the children and teens within our Conference will participate in an interactive, virtual week of activities. 'The objective is to engage their imagination and provide a new, practical personal experience to help connect their hearts more intimately to God. To encourage them to make prayer a habitual part of a genuine relationship with God.' More information on 'Paper Prayers' will follow.

C.H.A.M - CREATION SABBATH

Creation Sabbath will be celebrated on October 23, 2021. We would like to involve our children as well. Please see the link below for resources for the children on that day.

<https://www.faithfinders.com/creation-sabbath>

-Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

'Let's Move to Live' Virtual Fun, Run, Walk

October 11, 2021, 6:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Come join in the fun and get moving! Walk in your environment or anywhere you desire. Once you complete your walk/run take a screenshot and send it to WhatsApp @ 826-8486. Prizes will be given for different categories completing first and sending pictures. Churches are encouraged to wear their church colours or 'I Want to Live Healthy T-shirt'. For more information, please contact your local Health Leader.

-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.



SPIRIT OF PROPHECY CREATION SABBATH

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has designated the fourth Sabbath in October as Creation Sabbath. Church services which focus on God as Creator started in 2009, with the South Bahamas Conference joining the global celebrations in 2019. On Sabbath, October 23rd, Dr. Ronald Nalin, Director of the Geoscience Research Institute will be our guest speaker during the 11 a.m. Divine Hour. His presentation at 4:30 in the afternoon will be followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Plan to join us as we commemorate God's creation. Further details, including streaming links, will follow.

-Pastor Lynden Williams, Bible Studies & Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events

Women's Ministries 2021 Virtual Conclave
October 15-17th, 2021

**Remember to Pause & Pray with us
virtually each Wednesday at noon.**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.

--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Youth Leaders Certification Program 2021

The Ministry of Youth is excited to launch another cohort of the National Youth Leaders

Certification Programme, and this time it will be Virtual, which means ALL islands are welcomed to participate. This Programme commences on the October 5th and lasts for 16 weeks.

The primary goal is to strengthen social support systems and collaborate with key stakeholders in youth development; promote the participation of young people in decision making, professionalize the youth work sector and monitor and evaluate the progress of youth development in The Bahamas.

We hope to see you there!!!!

Be sure to follow the Division of Youth 242 on Facebook and Instagram!

Please click the following link to register. And feel free to share this information with other interested persons!!!

<https://bit.ly/30Wk0JV>

-Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



Grant's Town Church

The Path to Life Gospel Series

The Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church presents, The Path to Life Gospel Series with Pastor Samuel N. Miller, October 16 - 30, 2021 nightly at 7:00p.m. There will be great singing, intercessory prayer, prizes and surprises, but most of all, great gospel preaching.

Register to be a part of this series and invite your friends to do the same at gtadventist.com today. We want to see you there.



Stop Smoking and Breathe Free Community Program

Do you want to stop smoking? You can kick the habit and improve your health. Tobacco smoking is a known risk factor for many respiratory infections, and it increases the severity of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Participate in the BreatheFree2 plan to stop smoking and learn how you can become tobacco free and eliminate this threat to your health.

BreatheFree2 is an evidence based smoking cessation seminar that has helped millions of persons quit smoking. This training seminar consists of nine 90-minute sessions and will be presented virtually on the zoom platform as follows:

Date: Thursdays, September 23 to November 18, 2021.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To find out more and register for the seminar, you may call: (242) 502-4728, or 502- 4862, or 557-2037.

Sponsors: MOH, HBC, SBC, and PAHO

-Dr. John Carey.



JOHNSON PARK CURCH

The Johnson Park Church with Pastor Jamal Franklyn presents, "The Rescue Project". Discover prophetic messages for your pain, promise & purpose. Featuring local and international music ministers, prayer calls, trauma therapy, food vouchers and more.

Beginning October 2 to 23, 2021 on Saturdays at 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00p.m!

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NEW ENGLERSTON CHURCH

The New Englerston Church will be hosting an evangelistic initiative entitled "Hope for the Final Crisis." It will take place from October 17 - 30, 2021. Thursdays are off nights and all other nights the meetings begin at 7:00p.m. The speakers are Elder Andrew Hanna and Pastor Lynden Williams. Services will be livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook and Zoom.

Meeting ID: 956 8068 9430

Passcode: 354309



VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR VANESSA CLARKE

A grand virtual benefit concert under the theme "Plead My Cause V3: Going Through" will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021, 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. streaming on Facebook and YouTube. It will be an evening of praise, prayer and celebration with an outpouring of love and God's healing power on Vanessa Clarke.

This remarkable, talented Woman of God who has been a blessing to the body of Christ giving of her time, talents and treasure is now in need of prayers, love and support.

We thank you for your support of Vanessa's ministry over the years and are requesting that you support and promote this virtual medical benefit concert through prayer, word, print, digital and/or financial means. - Friends of Vanessa Clarke Committee.



WHAT WE BELIEVE: BELIEF 26: DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The wages of sin is death. But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed. Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people. When Christ, who is our life, appears, the resurrected righteous and the living righteous will be glorified and caught up to meet their Lord. The second resurrection, the resurrection of the unrighteous, will take place a thousand years later.

REFERENCES: Job 19:25-27; Ps. 146:3, 4; Eccl. 9:5, 6, 10; Dan. 12:2, 13; Isa. 25:8; John 5:28, 29; 11:11-14; Rom. 6:23; 6:16; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 20:1-10.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.adventist.org/second-coming>



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