

Isaiah 61:3 tells us what God wants for us: “To appoint unto them **that mourn in Zion**, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, **the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that **he might be glorified.**”

Run **to** Jesus! He’s the Savior!  
Run **from** Satan! He’s the destroyer!

Please remember that Job, who spoke from the very depths of his soul and hid nothing while telling his story, **asked God to destroy him**. He neither spoke of, attempted, nor committed suicide, during the lowest time of his life.

Though he had no hope of being healed, fathering more children, or enjoying more blessings during his life on earth, Job did not take his life out of the hands of the Lord.

While we see nothing but darkness ahead, God looks beyond the present and sees our future. Countless people have taken their own lives during a time of utter despair and hopelessness. And countless undoubtedly cut their lives off prematurely and missed out on God’s plans to bless their future! **Trust God!**

22. Write Job 7:20. \_\_\_\_\_

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23. What did Job call God? \_\_\_\_\_ \* He didn’t want God to preserve him. He wanted to die!

24. What did Job say that he had done? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Read Job 7:21. What 2 questions did Job ask God? (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. Read Job 9:1-4. Did Job know anyone who had ever hardened himself against God and prospered? \_\_\_\_ \* No matter what you are going through - don’t ever harden your heart against God.

27. Read Job 9:16-17. Did Job believe that God would even bother to listen to him when he called? \_\_\_\_ \* He had prayed for his sinning children - but they were dead. He was now fighting a battle to trust in a God who had not answered his prayers. And his faith was being shaken to its core. Study I Peter 1:6-7. Job was in heaviness and going through countless temptations. His faith was being tried by fire.

28. Read Job 9:18. What was Job filled with? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Read Job 10:1. What wearied Job’s soul? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Read Job 10:8. What did Job say his Creator was doing to him? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Read Job 10:15. What did Job say filled him? \_\_\_\_\_