

God's Sovereignty Spiritual Warfare



Last week we looked at how the enemy uses demonic counsel to increase our mental suffering to lure us away from God as we are enduring physical suffering.

Today we will see how the Lord sends us Godly wisdom through people.

Job 33:1 "But now, hear my speech, O Job,
and listen to all my words.

2 Behold, I open my mouth; the tongue in
my mouth speaks.

3 My words declare the uprightness of
my heart, and what my lips know they
speak sincerely.

4 The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me
life.

- 5 Answer me, if you can; set your words in order before me; take your stand.
- 6 Behold, I am toward God as you are; I too was pinched off from a piece of clay.
- 7 Behold, no fear of me need terrify you; my pressure will not be heavy upon you.

Take note: This is how you make a disciple or reconcile with a brother.

To get through this life we need two things:

1. Understand God's love and Holiness.
2. Be unified with one another in Christ.

Elihu is an example of Godly reconciliation:

1. I will be honest and sincere.
2. We are equals in this life both made by God and both sinners.
3. I will listen to you but first listen to me.
4. I will be gentle toward you.

8 "Surely you have spoken in my ears,
and I have heard the sound of your words.
9 You say, 'I am pure, without transgression;
I am clean, and there is no iniquity in me.
10 Behold, he finds occasions against me,
he counts me as his enemy,
11 he puts my feet in the stocks
and watches all my paths.'

We do not have the nature of innocence, we have
the nature of sin.

I did nothing wrong.

God, I don't deserve this!

I am right and justified!

12 “Behold, in this you are not right. I will answer
you, for God is greater than man.
13 Why do you contend against him,
saying, ‘He will answer none of man’s words’?
14 For God speaks in one way,
and in two, though man does not perceive it.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
while they slumber on their beds,

16 then he opens the ears of men
and terrifies them with warnings,
17 that he may turn man aside from his deed
and conceal pride from a man;
18 he keeps back his soul from the pit,
his life from perishing by the sword.

19 "Man is also rebuked with pain on his bed
and with continual strife in his bones,

20 so that his life loathes bread,
and his appetite the choicest food.

21 His flesh is so wasted away that it cannot be
seen, and his bones that were not seen stick
out.

22 His soul draws near the pit, and his life to
those who bring death.

1. God owes us no explanation.

Man chose a life apart from God and He is under no obligation to save us from our consequences.

It is only by His grace that He has made covenant with Israel and believing gentiles.

2. God does speak.

Job and Elihu existed before the prophets and the law.

God whispers warnings; conviction through dreams, visions, thoughts in order to keep our souls from the pit.

2. God uses many methods to call us to Him.

God may use/allow catastrophe or sickness to get our attention.

God's first concern is not our health, wealth, or prosperity; it is eternity of our soul.

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

23 If there be for him an angel,
a mediator, one of the thousand,
to declare to man what is right for him,
24 and he is merciful to him, and says,
'Deliver him from going down into the pit;
I have found a ransom;
25 let his flesh become fresh with youth;
let him return to the days of his youthful
vigor';

26 then man prays to God, and he accepts him;
he sees his face with a shout of joy, and he
restores to man his righteousness

27 He sings before men and says: 'I sinned and
perverted what was right, and it was not repaid
to me.

28 He has redeemed my soul from going down
into the pit, and my life shall look upon the light.'

Job has been longing for a mediator between Him and God to reconcile to bring truth.

Elihu is mediating between God and Job but only in truth and wisdom acknowledging their need for need for a true mediator and redeemer from God.

It is impossible for a sinner to understand God
because He is holy and we are not.

Out of His grace, God sent God to become a
man , one who knew no sin to bear our sin and
become our redeemer.



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29 "Behold, God does all these things,
twice, three times, with a man,
30 to bring back his soul from the pit,
that he may be lighted with the light of life.
31 Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;
be silent, and I will speak.
32 If you have any words, answer me;
speak, for I desire to justify you.
33 If not, listen to me; be silent, and I will teach
you wisdom."

Listen and obey or reject the truth and send
yourself to hell.

