



Theology Gone Wrong

Job 18

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A. Job 18 (Bildad Rebukes Job a Second Time—This Time With Fear)

Bildad: “The Terror of Death for the Wicked”

1. The Dark Life of the Wicked. (vv. 5-6)

Job 18:5–6, NLT -⁵ “Surely the light of the wicked will be snuffed out. The sparks of their fire will not glow. ⁶ The light in their tent will grow dark. The lamp hanging above them will be quenched.

2. The Dangerous Path of the Wicked. (vv. 7-10)

Job 18:7–9, NLT -⁷ The confident stride of the wicked will be shortened. Their own schemes will be their downfall. ⁸ The wicked walk into a net. They fall into a pit. ⁹ A trap grabs them by the heel. A snare holds them tight.

3. The Dreadful Life of the Wicked. (vv. 11-16)

Job 18:11–14, NLT -¹¹ “Terrors surround the wicked and trouble them at every step. ¹² Hunger depletes their strength,

and calamity waits for them to stumble. ¹³ Disease eats their skin; death devours their limbs. ¹⁴ They are torn from the security of their homes and are brought down to the king of terrors.

4. The Dismal Destiny of the Wicked. (17-21)

Job 18:17–21, NLT -¹⁷ All memory of their existence will fade from the earth, No one will remember their names. ¹⁸ They will be thrust from light into darkness, driven from the world... ²¹ They will say, ‘This was the home of a wicked person, the place of one who rejected God.’ ”

B. Some Wrong Theology from Bildad

Bildad made Three Critical Mistakes:

1. He preached to the wrong man, for Job was already a believer (Job 1:1, 8).
2. He preached with the wrong motive, for there was no love in his heart.
3. He preached with the wrong theology.

C. Some Right Theology from Jesus

Jesus: “Three Guiding Principles for the Church”

Based on His Words Prior to His Ascension (Luke 24):

1. Our Theology Must Be Correct. (vv. 45-46)

Luke 24:45–46, NLT -⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

2. Our Mission Must Be Clear. (vv. 47-48)

Luke 24:47–48, NLT -⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of His name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

3. Our Advocate Must Be Cherished. (v. 49)

Luke 24:49, NLT -⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”