

- I) **V1 INTRO: Since times are not hidden from the Almighty Why do those who know Him**
- II) **As we begin, Job has just made a statement about God  
Job 23:13 Job had just said He is unique, and who can make Him Change:**
- III) **Job was saying that God is inflexible, nobody can prevail upon Him to change His mind  
He was saying this in the context of his asking for help but God continued afflicting him**
- IV) **No one can change God's mind concerning how He was treating Job  
No one can resist Him, and no one can control Him  
God was doing what He determined to do, and He will simply do what He pleases**
- V) **God has all information and makes decisions based on what He already knows  
We are different: we often make decisions based on partial or insufficient information  
Because of this, we can change our mind when we get more facts**
- VI) **FIRST: God never has partial information  
Nu 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?**
- VII) **SECOND: God is strong in character and can't be persuaded against His better judgment  
He cannot be urged to do evil, or to yield to temptation  
Jas 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;  
Hab 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.**
- VIII) **THIRD: He is good and never has a reason to change  
He has been faultless from the first  
Dt 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He  
Ps 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all He has made.**
- IX) **V15 Job has become discouraged because God did not do what Job wanted done  
Because Job has been put through so much pain, he has become terrified of**

Him

God hasn't moved when Job asked, so now he thinks God causes troubles for him

X) V1 Since *times* are not hidden from the Almighty Why do those who know Him see not

God sees and knows all the changes that take place among people

Why is it that He doesn't deal with people according to their true character?

XI) V1 Why do those who know Him see not His days (of wrath) when He punishes wicked

I) Why do they not get to see God take vengeance on His foes

God sees wickedness, but the righteous do not see God punish the truly evil

Sometimes the wicked seem to be spared, and live their lives in luxury!

II) The simple fact is: God will vindicate the righteous, and judge sinners, in His own Time

Lu 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

1 Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

III) Don't put God into a box: Allow Him time to work

IV) V2-8 Job begins to list acts of wicked that seem to go unpunished

V) V2 Some remove landmarks

Landmarks were used to distinguish my property from my neighbor's property

He is saying that some evil people steal land from their neighbors

Dt 19:14 You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess it.

Pr 22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which your fathers have set

VI) V2b Some seize flocks violently

Some steal sheep from their neighbors pastures and use them as if they owned them

They use their wool and eat their flesh, without any sense of shame or guilt

VII) V3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox as a pledge

Some oppress the helpless, having no one to protect them

This intimates that they only had one animal, and when taken away left them without a way to produce food to survive

VIII) Even before Moses gave the law, taking from orphans and widows was considered sin

Later, the Law made this very clear

Ex 22:26 If you take your neighbor's cloak as security for a loan, you must return it before sunset.

IX) Caring for widows and orphans is also found in the NT

Jas 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

X) V4 They push the needy off the road All the poor of the land are forced to hide

I) Literally, they would make the poor move as the rich walked on the path

The poor got out of their way, walking on the side of the road

They bully them, causing them to fear them because they are so intimidating

II) V5 Indeed like wild donkeys in the desert they go out to their work searching for food

Wild donkeys are without restraint and vicious

These oppressors rob from the poor, searching for opportunity to take from them

III) Plundering bands of marauders scour the deserts for victims to rob and injure

The wilderness yields food because they plunder those who are in the wilderness

IV) V6 They gather their fodder in the field and glean in the vineyard of the wicked

They plunder the fields that men have worked hard to plant

They are not honest laborers, but instead rob other people's vineyards

V) V7 They spend the night naked, without clothing and have no covering in the cold

Those they have abused have little clothing and no bed clothes or blankets

They treat the poor with cruelty

VI) V8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains and huddle around the rock for

The poor are forced out of their homes and find shelter in caves

VII) V9 Some snatch the fatherless from the breast and take a pledge from the poor  
If the debtor could not pay his debt, the oppressor would take the child  
Either they sold the baby to pay off the debt, or raised the child to be their  
slave

VIII) V10 They cause the poor to go naked without clothing and they take away the  
sheaves  
They take everything from the poor forcing him to work, carrying food but not  
eating

IX) V11 They press out oil within their walls and tread winepresses yet suffer thirst  
The poor work to give the oppressor luxury items they can never partake in

X) V12 The dying groan in the city and the souls of the wounded cry out Yet God  
does not  
So much suffering occurs, so much pain, but God does not seem to notice at  
all

XI) This observation is found in other places of scripture  
Ps 94:3-4 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked  
triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of  
iniquity boast themselves

XII) Often the seeming unfairness is mentioned in scripture  
The fact is: God does take notice of these things

I) In the NT, James wrote strongly concerning this, warning the rich  
Jas 5:1-8 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery  
that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.  
Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat  
your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you  
failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The  
cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on  
earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of  
slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing  
you. Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for  
the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring  
rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

II) V13 There are those who rebel against the light; they do not know its ways  
These are those who reject living honestly and righteously  
They reject the light of reason and divine revelation, preferring to walk in  
darkness

III) This is a statement that seems to anticipate the teaching of John concerning light

Jn 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

IV) They do not know, nor care to know, moral restraint, or the light of conscience  
They are completely hardened in sin

V) V14-17 ILLUSTRATES THIS

VI) V14 The *murderer* rises with the light; he kills the poor and needy and in the night

As soon as the sun rises, he is awake and ready to do evil  
He kills the poor and needy if it satisfies his personal desires and needs  
Even when it is night, he continues his evil deeds

VII) POINT: God is aware of this, but doesn't seem to react to it

VIII) V15 The eye of *the adulterer* waits for the twilight saying No eye will see me and he

The adulterer likes to wait until it is getting dark, hides and disguises himself  
Pr 7:6-8 At the window of my house I looked through my lattice, And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house in the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. And there a woman met him with the attire of a harlot and a crafty heart.

I) V16 In the dark they break into houses which they marked for themselves  
He now speaks of thieves who mark out the homes of the rich to burglarize them

They use darkness to cover their deeds and do not like the light

II) V17 For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death  
The prefer the darkness because the light exposes their actions and they can be caught

III) V18 -21 PRONOUNCES JUDGMENT ON THEM:

IV) V18 They should be swift on the face of the waters their portion should be

cursed in

They should perish quickly, like the rushing of the rivers

Those who see their swift destruction should curse what they leave behind

V) V19 As drought and heat consume the snow waters so the grave consumes those who

Job is speaking of the sudden death of the wicked: they live, but they also die

VI) V20 The womb should forget him, the worm should feed sweetly on him he should be

His mother and friends should forget him, this bully will be victim to wombs that devour

His wickedness should be completely and finally broken, never to grow again

VII) V21 For he preys on the barren who do not bear and does not good for the widow

His life was filled with taking advantage of the weak and powerless

He deserves to die and to be forgotten, as soon as possible

VIII) V22-24 But God draws the mighty away with His power He rises up but no man is sure

The fact is, everyone from the rich to the poor die

They may be honored, but the honor is not permanent and they die and are forgotten

Heb 9:27

IX) Ch 25:1-6 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said Dominion and fear belong to Him

X) Bildad's response to Job is a very short speech

V1 God is the absolute King over the entire Universe

He is terrible in might, therefore, all men should seek peace with Him

XI) V2 He makes peace in His high places

Among the angels it is He who maintains peace and establishes harmony

He is the One who makes peace possible because He puts down all opposition

XII) V3 Is there any number to His armies Upon whom does His light not rise

His angelic hosts are without number, and His sun shines over the entire earth

I) V4-6 How then can man be righteous before God Or how can he be pure who is born

II) HIS POINT: All have sinned and come short of the glory of God! You are a sinner

III) From the greatest to the least all die and all suffer moral corruption

Eccl 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who *believe*.

1 Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

IV) This may be True, but this is no solution

We now know the solution: forgiveness and transformation by Jesus