

Job Adult Learning Center
Class Eight // Job's Summary Defense
Job Chapters 23-31 // October 20, 2019

I. Class Schedule for Job

8.	October 20	Chapter 23-31	Round Four Job (small bit by Bildad)
9.	October 27	Chapters 32-37	Round Four Elihu Only
10.	<i>Missionaries will speak during class – be sure to</i>		<i>be here to see what is happening</i>
11.	November 10	Chapters 38-39	Round Four God's First Speech
12.	November 17	Chapter 39-41	Round Four God's Second Speech
13.	November 24	Chapter 42	Resolution: Man repents & God judges

II. Chapter 23-24 – Job 10:50-11:00

- A. I wish I could bring my argument before Him 23:1-7
- B. I have clung to Him all along and that will not change 23:8-12
- C. I fear Him, but I am not silenced 23:13-17
- D. I wish that God kept record of all the wrongs done in the world 24:1-12
- E. The wicked appear to get away with murder, theft and adultery 24:13-17
- F. Surely God will judge the wicked someday, but I wish we could see it 24:18-25

III. Chapter 25 – Bildad

This is the last speech made by the three friends. In some ways, it summarizes their argument. However, it doesn't include the harshness towards Job of previous addresses. To God alone belong authority, dominion and righteousness. No man possesses that. vv. 1-6
 How can you claim righteousness?

IV. Chapter 26 – 31 Job 11:00-11:25am

- A. A big help you are 26:1-4
- B. No one is awesome like our thundering God (a storm approaches) 26:5-14
- C. So long as God gives me breath, I will not accept your accusations of me 27:1-6
- D. The wicked have no relief from God when their life is required of them 27:7-12
- E. The wicked will surely be overthrown in an instant 27:13-23
- F. Earthly riches and treasure require great effort, work to seek out 28:1-11
- G. Even so, wisdom is more difficult to discover and worth far more 28:12-22
- H. God alone knows wisdom. He says it is "*fearing God and departing from evil.*" 28:23-28
- I. Oh that I might be as in days gone by when I was blessed of God 29:1-11
- J. In those days, I cared for the poor, the orphan, the widow and the blind...
 I was able to bless those in need and bring justice against the wicked 29:12-20
- K. In those days, my words were listened to as those of a king 29:21-25
- L. But as much as I was honored, I am now so much dishonored 30:1-15
- M. God has now been cruel and does not answer my complaint 30:16-23
- N. If I sinned in hidden ways like lying or lusting, then this would have been justice 31:1-12
- O. If I mishandled the claims of my workers or the needy, this would have been just 31:13-23
- P. If I loved or lived for riches, this would have been just 31:24-28
- Q. If I have gloated over my enemies or covered my sin, this would have been just 31:29-34
- R. Oh, that a just judge would hear my complaints. 31:35-37
- S. If I have even sinned against my land or the people near it, this would be just. 31:38-40

IV. Open Classroom Discussion

11:25-11:35

IX. Table Discussion

11:35-12:00

- A. What did the people you asked the question about why they do not follow God say?
- B. Job invites judgment on himself if he lusted or was immoral or neglected the needy. This was in a day before the Holy Spirit being given to man and before we had the scriptures.
1. What does Ch. 31 tell us about what God considers holiness that should characterize us?
 2. How should Christians evaluate our own lives when we read of Job in chapter 31?
 3. When we hear of people who say they don't follow God because of the hypocrisy of Christians, and we see how Job lived, what does the church need?

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OBSERVATIONS AND LESSONS

HOW THESE APPLY TO ME

WHAT SHOULD I ACCEPT, PRAY ABOUT, DO?
