

Job Adult Learning Center
Class Six // God Has Hemmed Me In
Job Chapters 15-18 // October 6, 2019

I. Class Schedule for Job

6.	October 6	Chapters 15-18	Round Two Eliphaz/Job/Bildad
7.	October 13	Chapters 19-20	Round Two Job/Zophar
8.	October 20	Chapters 21-25	Round Three Job/Eliphaz & Job/Bildad
9.	October 27	Chapter 26-32	Round Four Job Only
10.	November 3	Chapters 33-37	Round Four Elihu Only
11.	November 10	Chapters 38-39	Round Four God's First Speech
12.	November 17	Chapter 39-40	Round Four God's Second Speech
13.	November 24	Chapter 42	Resolution

II. Eliphaz Speaks Again (Chapter 15) 10:45-11:00

- A. Rebukes Job's attitude and words (15:1-16)
1. Should a wise man (i.e., me) waste words with someone so empty? (15:1-3)
 2. You condemn yourself with your mouth and do not honor God (15:4-6)
 3. Do you think you have wisdom more than we do? (15:7-10)
 4. Although we are gentle, yet you speak in anger against God (15:11-13)
 5. How dare you claim innocence when even angels are not pure and you are like any other corrupt man who drinks in iniquity? (15:14-16)
- B. I have something that is worth declaring (15:17-35)
1. The fathers who pass down wisdom have all agreed on this (15:17-19)
 2. The wicked always experience terror and judgment and won't see why (15:20-24)
 3. The reason is because they contest against God (15:25-26)
 4. They are enemies of God and self-indulgent (15:27-28)
 5. Their home self-destructs in response to their fruitless life (15:29-35)

III. Job Responds (Ch. 16-17) 11:00-11:25

- A. Job's feelings about his friends (16:1-5)
1. You three are terrible comforters (vv. 1-2)
 2. If I was in your place, I could say the same as you (vv. 3-4)
 3. But I would try to build you up (v. 5)
- B. Tormented at the hands of God (16:6-17)
1. God – You have trapped me – whether or not I speak, it is no better (16:6)
 2. God – You have worn me out (16:7-8)
 3. He has made me His target (16:9-14)
 4. I am in permanent mourning (16:15-17)
- C. Oh, for a witness on my behalf in heaven (16:18-17:2)
1. May my complaints not be covered over (16:18)
 2. Let there be someone who defends me in heaven (16:19)
 3. I wish I could just talk back and forth with God (16:20-21)
 4. My days are almost over (16:22-17:1)
 5. I am worn out (17:2)

- D. God – No one understands; I am an object of mockery (17:3-17:5)
 - 1. Testimony on my behalf will have to come from You (17:3)
 - 2. They don't see it or understand it and You have seen to that (17:4)
 - 3. Whoever informs against a friend for personal gain, his children will suffer (17:5)

- E. I am an object of scorn (17:6-16)
 - 1. God has made me a byword (17:6)
 - 2. I have wasted away and a just man would find this a tragedy (17:7-8)
 - 3. Even so, I am confident in my righteousness (17:9)
 - 4. But you guys are welcome to take me on again (17:10-12)
 - 5. After all, my only comfort will be the grave (17:13-16)

- IV. Bildad Speech Two (Chap. 18) 11:25-11:35**
- A. Why do you disregard our wisdom? (18:1-3)
 - B. Should the law of the earth be changed for your sake? (18:4)
 - C. The evil are judged as they should be (18:5-21)

V. Discussion

- A. When God says Job is “blameless and upright” (1:8) and when Job claims innocence or guiltlessness (16:17, “*although there is no violence in my hands and my prayer is pure,*” and again in 17:9, “*the righteous will hold to his way, and he who has clean hands will grow stronger,*” referring to himself), does it mean that he never sins or does it mean something else? How would you know?

- B. Job says in 16:6 that if he speaks, things do not get better, and if he is quiet, things don't get better either. Since this is only chapter 18 and he will speak three more times (= 8 chapters), he apparently decides to keep speaking. Why does he speak? Is it good or is it not? Why does he want his cry to not be silenced (16:18)? What makes you say that?

- C. In 16:19-21, Job makes two interesting statements.
 - 1. My witness is in heaven and my advocate is on high.
 - 2. Oh that a man might plead with God as a man his neighbor!

What significance do these two statements have for a Christian? Please consider Romans 8:26, 34 in putting together your response.

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OBSERVATIONS AND LESSONS

HOW THESE APPLY TO ME

WHAT SHOULD I ACCEPT, PRAY ABOUT, DO?
