

# Job 25-28 –25 May 2023

## “What We Do Know”

### Introduction

\*Book of Job opens w/ heavenly scene in which Satan asks permission to bring calamity into Job’s life

\*Chap 3-14 – saw Eliphaz, Bildad & Zophar’s 1<sup>st</sup> speech & Job responding to each

\*Chap 15-26 – each of the three have their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> speeches & Job response to each one

\*His friends have good intentions, but their counsel is off-track b/c it’s partially true & misapplied

\*In confusing times, it’s important to not drown in opinions and lies, but how do we rise above?

\*We need to focus on what we DO KNOW is true

\*We need to focus on what we know about the Lord

**Today let’s look at 4 anchors to hold on to in confusing times**

## **1<sup>st</sup> anchor: God is powerful and pure (Job 25)**

Read Chap 25:1 – *Bildad's 3rd Speech*

1. Bildad answered with only these 5 verses
2. By its brevity we can tell that Job's friends have run out of steam
  - a. Not that they're in agreement, just no more new ground to cover

Read Vs 2-3

1. Bildad concludes with a remark of the greatness of God
2. As if to say, there is a God in heaven that will straighten this out
3. Read Rom 9:17 – God orchestrates things so He's seen as powerful and special

Read Vs 4

1. As if to say, how can any be clean before God
  - a. Job himself said this also in Job 9:2
  - b. Nothing's being said except completely non-controversial grand statements

## Read Vs 5-6

1. Bildad sums up his argument by saying even the stars are corrupt, so man has got to be unclean
2. Bildad mistakenly thinks Job's been claiming to be clean from ALL sin, not just specific sin

## **2<sup>nd</sup> anchor: We only know part of God's majesty (Job 26)**

### Read Chap 26:1-4 – Job's Response To *Bildad*

1. At end of the day, you haven't help me at all
2. The natural expectation would be for you to have brought help
3. Job believes he's received no counsel / comfort

## Read Vs 5-9

1. There's a debate about the meaning of the poetry in vs 5
  - a. "The dead are born from under the waters"
  - b. Only thing I know of in the Bible that was born from waters are the demons
2. It's quite a description of God's power in creation!
  - a. Hangs the earth on nothing
  - b. Clouds surround His throne as in Psm 97

## Read Vs 10-13

1. So Job intends to uplift God in His power
2. Read Isa 27:1 – An illustration of Satan and His forces being destroyed by God

## Read Vs 14

1. We only know part of the majesty of God, but there's much more!
2. Read I Cor 13:12 – we see thru glass darkly...

## **3<sup>rd</sup> anchor: God will ultimately destroy the wicked (Job 27)**

Read Chap 27:1-6

1. Job proclaims innocence from now til he dies
2. He refused to agree w/ assertion he's wicked

Read Vs 7-10

1. If you're against me (Job), then you are as the ungodly whom God will not hear

Read Vs 11-12

1. Job said, 'you talk so much about God's justice, yet I will teach you about it'

Read Vs 13-23

1. The wicked will ultimately be destroyed
  - a. Read II Pet 2:9 – just delivered from unjust
2. Though Job's current situation looks much like this, Job declares, he's not like the wicked
3. There is hope in that Job says, he's different than the wicked

## **4<sup>th</sup> anchor: Only w/ God is wisdom found (Job 28)**

Read Chap 28:1-4

1. Job is talking of the great treasures of earth
2. He will compare this to our search for wisdom

Read Vs 5-11

1. Job is talking of how men go to great lengths to find the treasures of this world
2. Treasures are hidden and takes effort to find

Read Vs 12-19

1. Wisdom is of great value and cannot be found in the earth...even with great digging

Read Vs 20-28

1. Wisdom can only be found in God, above the earth in the eternal
2. When Paul in hindsight considered God's great plan for Israel he declared (Read Rom 11:33)
3. Wisdom: to see things from God's point of view
  - a. Read Prov 8 for homework

## Conclusion

As Christians, we have Christ, as an anchor to our souls

So, when things get confusing, when there's disagreement, fall back on what we do know

- 1. We know our future is secure b/c God is powerful & pure**
- 2. We know there's more coming b/c we only know part of God's majesty**
- 3. We know we've ultimately escape judgement as God destroys the wicked**
- 4. We know when we seek God we will find wisdom**