

## A Study of the Book of Job: When Bad Things Happen to God's People

### *Lesson 10: Bildad Speaks Again and Job's Reply (Chapters 18-19)*

#### Second Cycle

Eliphaz (ch. 15)	→	Job (ch. 16-17)
<b>Bildad (ch. 18)</b>	→	<b>Job (ch. 19)</b>
Zophar (ch. 20)	→	Job (ch. 21)

#### 18:1-21

- Do you see any evidence in this section that Bildad is losing his patience with Job?
- V. 15: the NIV footnote is a better translation: "Nothing he had remains in his tent."
- V. 5-21: Summarize Bildad's speech. How does he too try to stick it to Job?

**Note:** The book of Job, like much of Hebrew and ancient literature, is chiastically ("X") arranged with the most important point being in the middle/center. Job 19 is the center of the book.

#### 19:1-22

- V. 1-6: Of what does Job accuse his friends? How do Jesus' similar words of warning in Luke 13:1-5 rebuke us when disaster or tragedy strikes others?
- 7-22: Compare Job's words to our Savior's passion. What similarities do you find? How had Job's suffering effected his relationships?

#### 19:23-29

- These verses contain the most beloved and well-known words of Job, yes, even in the entire Scripture. While the sense is clear, like the rest of Job, the unique word choices and compression of poetic thought pose some interpretive challenges.

- V. 23-24: How certain is Job about what he is about to confess? How has the LORD done better? (cf. Is. 40:8)
  
- V. 25: “Redeemer” = said of a kinsman whose duty it was to buy one out of slavery and debt (cf. Boaz being the “kinsman-redeemer” for Ruth and Naomi).
  
- V. 25: literally, “he will stand upon the dust” = dust of the earth or dust of Job’s remains/grave?
  
- V. 26: “destroyed” could also be understood as “surrounded”. How is that a defensible understanding from Scripture (cf. 1 Cor. 15:42ff; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5)?

V. 25-27: What comfort do you find in the following words and phrases?

- “my Redeemer”
  
- “lives”
  
- “in my flesh I will see God”... “with my own eyes”
  
- V. 28-29: Having articulated some of the most profound and comforting words in Scripture, of what does Job warn his friends?