

Job Chapter 25

- It is interesting to see how Job's friends speak so knowingly about God when, in the end, God revealed that they really didn't know what they were talking about.
- Sadly, often times, those who say the most about God know the least about Him.

V: 1-3 This is Bildad's third and final discourse; it is actually his best response yet - it's only 6 verses long...!

- He starts out saying that God has dominion over all things, that his armies and power are limitless and that His light, His influence, or blessing is manifest to all.

V: 2 "Peace in His high places" may refer to there being peace in heaven. There aren't any arguments in Heaven about God's will; "should we or shouldn't we - let's take a vote" - doesn't happen that way. God speaks and it's accomplished.

Jesus in teaching His disciples how to pray:

Matthew 6:10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

- There is no resistance in heaven as to God's will, but there is plenty of that on earth. Hence the prayer, "Lord Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven!"

V: 4-6 He begins to ask a rhetorical question which it would appear he's applying to Job, but it applies to all men. This speaks to the depravity of man - all men:

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

- How can man be justified with God? That's a great question.
- How can a man be clean that is born of woman?
- The moon, the brightest object in the sky at night is pale and dim compared to the brightness of God, and the stars are impure in His sight, how much less man?
- How can we be anything to God? How can we even matter at all to Him?

Psalm 8:4 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

- Clue: worm = maggot.
- Bildad is asking the right question and if he were to follow the line of his reasoning he would have to also apply this understanding to himself.

Psalm 14:1-3 “¹The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. ²The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. ³They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

- Understanding that Bildad asks “How can man be justified with God?” Which is essentially what Job was trying to figure out when he asked:

Job 9:33 “Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.”

- No one is going to be justified before God unless God does the justifying, and it has to be done in a way that doesn’t break or compromise His righteousness, or righteous demands.

Romans 3:19-24 “¹⁹Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²²Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

- Job hasn’t ever said that he was sinless, in fact he admitted that he was a sinner in general, like everyone else - he has however declared his righteousness in that he’s not living in willful sin and that he trusts his redeemer to deliver him.

Job Chapter 26

- Job’s response will take up the next 6 chapters

V: 1-4 Job responds specifically to Bildad. “Thou” / “you” singular, he’s putting this right to Bildad, not the others who have already been silenced, very specific.

- Job responds with great sarcasm: How have you helped the weak? (Meaning Job himself) What have you done to save the lost? What counsel have you given that has been of any value or benefit?
- The obvious implication here is that you haven’t done anything of value.

V: 5-14 Job now describes the greatness of God.

V: 5 Dead things are formed from under the waters; the dead tremble from under the waters - under the waters of Sheol. The inhabitants of hell tremble.

V: 6-7 Hell is naked, bare, exposed before Him - God see's what is going on there.

“*7... and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*” This is another scientific fact declared long before “science” figured it out.

- The “science” of the day had determined that the earth while being flat was carried on the back of a giant tortoise, or an elephant, or according to the Greeks, upon the shoulders of Apolos...
- The earth was hanging or suspended on nothing, suspended in space.

V: 8 Have you ever thought about how much water a cloud can carry? Yet it just floats up there in the clouds; ever lifted a jug of water, or a 5 gallon bucket of water? Just floating up there waiting to be poured out.

V: 9 God holds back, He restrains Himself - otherwise we'd be toast!

Exodus 33:20 “And he / God said, thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.”

V: 10 God has set the boundaries of the sea, the limits.

Psalm 104:5-9 “⁵Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. ⁶Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. ⁸They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. ⁹Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.”

V: 11 God's voice thunders; shakes the foundations of the heavens.

Psalm 29:3-5 “³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.”

V: 12 “He divideth the sea by his power...”

NKJV “He stirs up the sea with His power, And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.”

NASB “He quieted the sea with His power, And by His understanding He shattered Rahab (proud).”

KJV Divideth: (H-7280). “*rāga*” Can be translated either way, stirring up, or calming down - scholars on both sides.

- No one else can stir up the seas, and no one else can calm it down - only God.

Jonah 1:4 “But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.”

Mark 4:39 “And he ^(Jesus) arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”

V: 13 Poetic language; God garnished / decorated the heavens.

Psalms 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.”

V: 14 These are the fringes of His ways; this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Paul puts it this way:

Romans 11:33 “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!”

Job Chapter 27

V: 1-6 Job affirms his own righteousness.

V: 1-2 “As God liveth...” this is in a manner, swearing, or taking an oath...

- God who has taken away his judgment or “justice” and at the same time vexed his soul. He knows that he’s being tried or tested in some way.

V: 3-4 Job is swearing an oath that as long as there is breath in his body, as long as God’s spirit is in his nostrils...

- He believes that the Spirit of God is in his nostrils, giving him life...
- Job is committed; as long as I am alive I will not speak wickedly or utter deceit.

V: 5-6 “*God forbid...*” that I should justify you - the things that you are saying, I won’t justify your false accusations, **I will not remove my integrity.**

Job 2:3 “And the Lord said unto Satan, hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst Me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

- Job isn't going to let his "comforters" or anyone else condemn him. He will not let anyone take it from him, it's his and he's keeping it! That is the position that we are to take as well.

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

- The enemy will certainly seek to condemn us, to remind us of our past sins etc, but we are secure in the blood of Jesus who paid the price for our sins.

Romans 8:33-34 "³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. ³⁴Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

- God doesn't want us walking around feeling guilty all the time, doesn't want us feeling condemned - the enemy does, but not God. If you're His child, He wants you to know that you're forgiven.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- We need to simply take Him at His word. We need to trust Him and walk in faith. David did:

Psalms 32:1-2 "¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity..."

- Who is that man? Who is that woman? Those that abide in Christ, those that trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior, those who walk and live in Him!

V: 7-23 Job describes the fate of the Godless:

V: 7 Job is saying "God, your enemies are my enemies!" and "my enemies are God's enemies!" Job is telling his comforters to be careful not to make themselves the enemies of God.

Psalms 139:21-22 "²¹Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?" ²²I hate them with a perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies."

V: 8 What hope does the hypocrite have? They might seem to prosper in the short term, but in the long run they'll be sorry.

Matthew 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

V: 9-10 Will God hear the hypocrite when his trouble comes? No.

- Will he (hypocrite) delight himself in the Lord? No. Will he (hypocrite) call upon God? - Not likely, it won't matter anyway.
- I remember in football the coaches telling us that we will play the way we practice. It's true in life as well, what we do in the normal practice in life is pretty much what we'll do when we're put to the test. It's pretty tough to suddenly become spiritual and hear God's voice in a clutch situation when it's not our practice in daily life.

V: 11-12 Pay attention, I'm going to teach you something, I won't conceal it:

- In fact you've already seen it - you just didn't recognize it. So many of God's truths are observable in nature, it's all around us.

V: 12 NASB "Behold, all of you have seen it; why then do you act foolishly?"

- His counsellors have abandoned what they know to embrace what they don't!

Romans 1:19-20 ¹⁹Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

- I have heard and read testimonies of various scientists, doctors, physicists, biologists, astronomers who started out as atheists.
- Started out thinking that creation all took place in some way apart from God, not looking to prove or disprove anything, just trying to unlock the secrets before them.
- Who through their research and learning discovered that there was a creator God who through His incredible design and forethought put things in order, and balance, and function - making it all obvious and un-deniable to them.
- Job asks "you've seen my life, you know the truth - why are you being so foolish?"

V: 13-23 Job describes the portion of the wicked: The end result is misery and destruction.

Short version:

Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death..."

V: 14 If they have lots of children it's only that they would die by the sword, or starve.

V: 15 All their offspring shall die, their widows won't mourn or care.

V: 16-17 They'll gather riches and clothing but others will enjoy it.

V: 18-20 The house of a moth, a cocoon is very fragile - like a house of cards, doesn't take much to bring it down.

- The rich lie down, but don't have any rest, sudden calamity takes hold of them and they are gone!

V: 21-23 The evil are carried away by the east wind, men will hiss at them and they are no more.

- Virtually each of the descriptions that Job employs here, he is quoting directly from Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar and applying it back to them.

Galatians 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

1. **Exodus**: Pharaoh ordered the Jewish baby boys to be drowned in the Nile; he ended up drowned in the Red Sea.
 2. **Judges 1:6-7** Adoni-bezek cut off the thumbs and big toes of the kings he conquered. When Simeon and Judah defeated and captured him, guess what they did to him... yup, they cut off his thumbs and big toes.
 3. **1 Samuel**: King Saul tried to pin David to the wall of his palace, how did he end up? Pinned to the walls of Beth-Shean.
 4. **Esther**: Haman built a gallows to hang Mordecai on, but ended up being hung there himself.
 5. **Daniel**: The Satraps tricked the king into throwing Daniel into the lion's den, God preserved him through the night, but in the end the Satraps were themselves thrown into the lion's den and quickly consumed by the lions.
- Job's friends have been very harsh with him, now their words are coming back to them.

Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."