

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 06 June 2021..... Job 01-02..... Faith Tested
- 2) 13 June..... Job 03-14..... Hope Defined
- 3) 20 June..... Job 15-21..... Redemption Found
- 4) 27 June..... Job 22-28..... **Wisdom Gained**
- 5) 04 July..... Job 29-31..... Justice Sought
- 6) 11 July..... Job 32-37..... Power Displayed
- 7) 18 July..... Job 38-42..... Dependence Declared

**INTRODUCTION**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of tit-for-tat bantering concludes with no conclusion. Job's friends continue to condemn him for unknown sins and Job continues to stand by his integrity and innocence.
- The lesson does end on one big positive note – we learn where Solomon learned about WISDOM – Right here in **Job 28**, “Behold, the fear of the Lord is WISDOM, and to depart from evil is UNDERSTANDING”
  - ♦ Solomon was indeed wise, but not prudent, for he failed to understand or apply wisdom since he seldom departed from evil

Passage	Comments
Job 22	<p><b>Eliphaz Speaks – Job’s Righteousness is Nothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv2-3. Eliphaz states some truth that a man’s strength, a man’s wisdom, a man’s righteousness are meaningless to God, since God gives a man his strength, his wisdom, and even imputes righteousness to him</li> <li>• vv4-6. Unfortunately, Eliphaz accuses Job of being wicked for his false pride (“reverence”), and abuse of his fellow man – all unproven accusations</li> <li>• vv23-28. Eliphaz states a general truism that God restores a repentant sinner; God will hear his prayers; and God saves a humble person – but it was misapplied to Job’s situation</li> </ul>
Job 23	<p><b>Job Responds – God is Not Finished with Me Yet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v2. “...God’s hand is heavy despite my groaning” – IOW, God is not listening to my prayers</li> <li>• vv3-7. Job wanted to find God and to present his case before God, thinking God would then listen to him (v6); and would deliver him (v7) from his woes</li> <li>• vv8-9. But everywhere Job looks, God can’t be found</li> <li>• vv10-12. Job speaks of his love for God: “When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold”; and “...I have treasured His words more than my necessary food”                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ How much do we treasure God’s word?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Job states some truisms:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ v13. God does what He pleases ..... <a href="#">Ps 115:3</a> (But are His actions toward us with malice, love, or indifference – and how can we tell? See next vs)</li> <li>♦ v14 God performs what is appointed for me, and He’s not finished with me yet (Job acknowledges God’s sovereignty over him)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Job 24	<p><b>Job Continues – ‘Why God, do You Prolong Justice?’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. The NLT seems to give an accurate rendering: “Why doesn’t the Almighty bring the wicked to judgment? Why must the godly wait for Him in vain?”</li> <li>• Job describes the terrible injustice that often exists, even in his day, and the seemingly indifference by God                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The poor must forage for food (v5);</li> <li>– The naked shiver in the cold at night (vv7-8);</li> <li>– Fatherless infants are snatched away to pay bills (v9);</li> <li>– Field workers harvest food, but go hungry (v10);</li> <li>– Vineyard workers harvest wine, but go thirsty (v11);</li> <li>– Groans rise from the dying and wounded (v12)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

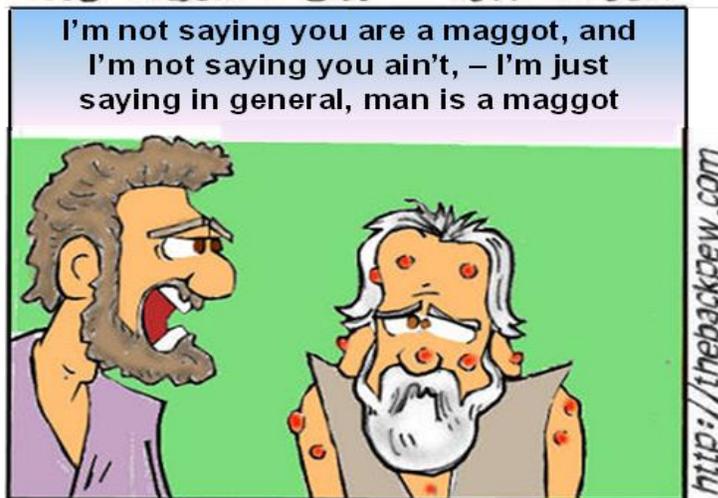
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv18-24. HOWEVER, Job realizes the wicked have a surprise waiting for them. Sheol (Hell) will consume the sinner (v19) for they rob widows (v21), and are ruthless (v22), and they prosper by their wickedness – BUT only for a little while – then they are suddenly cut off (v24)</li> <li>• v25. Job challenges his friends to prove his statement wrong about the wicked prospering and the more righteous suffering at the hands of the wicked</li> </ul>
Job 25	<p><b>Bildad Speaks – Job is Guilty, Even if He Isn’t</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-5. Bildad highlights God’s magnificence</li> <li>• v4. ...and basically, calls Job a maggot in comparison</li> </ul>
Job 26	<p><b>Job Responds – Let me Tell You What I Know of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The departed spirits reside under the waters (v5); God stretches the [northern sky] over a void (arctic ocean) (same ‘void’ as Gen 1:2); &amp; hangs the earth on nothing (v7); and declares that the earth is circular (v10)</li> <li>• Where did Job get his accurate understanding of the world? Remember, he was not far removed from Adam (pre-flood Methuselah probably knew Adam and Noah)</li> </ul>
Job 27	<p><b>Job Continues – My Integrity is Sound</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v2. God has wronged me</li> <li>• vv5-6. But I will still be faithful to You and live right                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ WOW! Can we have such faith in God though we feel He has deserted us or treats us as an enemy?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Job 28 <a href="#">Pro 1:7</a> <a href="#">Pro 2:4-6</a> <a href="#">Pro 4:7</a> <a href="#">Pro 9:10</a>	<p><b>Job Continues – and Shares the Source of Wisdom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv15-19. Wisdom cannot be bought with silver &amp; gold</li> <li>• vv20-27. The source of wisdom is not in the earth, but it abides with God</li> <li>• v28. The fear of the Lord is WISDOM, and to depart from evil is UNDERSTANDING (application of wisdom)</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- A fool is considered wise if he keeps his mouth shut ([Prov 17:28](#)), and in the multitude of words sin is unavoidable ([Prov 10:19](#))
  - ♦ Even we violate these principles from time to time; so, we cannot judge Job’s friends too harshly for their inappropriate words

**NEXT WEEK: Job 29-31.** Job continues his discourse and sums up his position: 1) I remember the good ‘ol days; 2) Now, I go about mourning without comfort; 3) BUT, I will maintain my integrity, for I know my Redeemer lives

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**Bildad tried to be politically correct and not offend Job with his offensive words. Job 25:6**