

## Bible Study Job 6:14 thru Chap. 9 Co8/12/15

### a. Verses 6:14-23

- i. Disappointment in friends
- ii. When a man is in despair his friends should be loyal Job felt
- iii. Job had not turned from fearing God, but he still need companionship and backing
- iv. Friends were compared to a riverbed, which would be flowing in wintertime when it was not needed, but in the summertime when it was needed same thing as dry.
- v. 18-23 microscope
  1. Travelers in caravans had gotten lost looking for water in riverbeds, so that they became distressed
  2. Job was distressed or disappointed expecting help from his three friends but not getting it
  3. Fact was that they were probably afraid even to look at Job
  4. He had never asked for help before, so why wouldn't they help him now

### b. Verses 6:24-30

- i. Jobs pleas to three friends
  1. Asked friends to tell him where he had gone wrong
  2. Where have I sinned
  3. They treated his words like the wind

4. They seemed opposed to him as if seeking undue advantage
  - ii. It was so bad Job even asked his friends to just look at him.
2. Chapter 7 Job: My Suffering is Comfortless
- a. Verse 7:1-5 Job's pattern of Misery
    - i. Man is like a soldier (calls hard service) fulfilling his time of enlistment with its toils
    - ii. Job's condition was worse, he had months not just days of futility
      1. Instead of being able to rest in the shade or at night in sleep, he tossed and turned in pain
      2. Dreams were bad thought this was from God
  - b. Verses 7:6-21 Job's Prayer to God
    - i. Spoke of brevity of life, faster than a weaver's shuttle
    - ii. Thought he would never see happiness again, God would not see him, he would be gone into the grave
    - iii. Verses 7:11-12 spoke without restraint in bitter complaint
      1. Complained that God was watching and harassing him
      2. Used common myths to describe
      3. Felt he was in a subhuman condition in which God was guarding him like a defeated enemy
    - iv. Verses 7:13-15
      1. Accuses God of giving him bad dreams so he can't rest in sleep, wants to die

v. Verses 7:16-19

1. Since he knew he was not long for this body, longed for God to leave him alone
2. Why should God hound, harass, haunt him, life ending; his days had no meaning
3. God would not leave him alone, even for an instant

c. Verses 7:20-21

- i. Asked God to tell how he had sinned
- ii. God continued to stare at Job and seem to hit him like a target
- iii. **If Job was a sinner why didn't God forgive him and be done with it?**
- iv. Job's cry of bitter despair.

## Job 8

1. Bildad's first speech \*:1-7

- a. Invited Job to repent like Eliphaz had asked 2 questions
  - i. One was to Job's Windy Words
  - ii. God's upright management of God's universe
- b. Called Job a blustering wind; goes back to Job's word V 6:26
  - i. Hints that this is related to the windstorm which killed Job's children
- c. Verses 3-4: Bildad was arguing that to complain against God meant that Job was accusing him of injustice
- d. If Job had not sinned then his suffering would mean that God had perverted justice this was unthinkable to Bildad therefore Job must have sinned.
- e. Anyone who sins against God must suffer for it.
- f. Bildad claims that anyone that sins against God must suffer
  - i. Job's children prime example they died because they sinned.
  - ii. Now Job was dying because of the same reason sin
- g. Bildad and company were blinded to any other reason

- h. Verses 5-7
  - i. If all was as Job claimed then all he needed to do is plead with God
  - ii. Claimed would result in God's restoring Job to a place of blessing greater than he was
  - iii. However since Job had already pleaded with God and nothing had happened Bildad's counsel was inappropriate
- 2. Bildad's Proof was from History V8:8-10
  - a. Eliphaz supported his viewpoints by experience and we will find Bildad tries to also
    - i. Upstage introduce a greater authority observations made by past generations
      - 1. Learn from ancestors
      - 2. Words came from their experience not merely words for Job's mouth
      - 3. How could Job suggest otherwise
      - 4. Bildad believed dead would agree with him
- 3. Illustrations from Nature V 8:11-19
  - a. 3 illustrations given 2 plant and 1 insect
    - i. Papyrus wilts without water or a marsh even more so than grass
    - ii. So a person who opposes God; the godless will perish
    - iii. Anything such a person may depend upon like Hope(Job) is as useless and inadequate as leaning on a spider's web
  - b. Job's wasting away was like a well-watered plant cut off from water
  - c. The plant withers away and is then replaced
  - d. Such virulent talk had to be hard on Job. Compounding his emotional state
- 4. Bildad's slim offering of Hope V.8:20-22
  - a. Once again affirming God's justice Bildad says 'God does not reject a blameless person or strengthen the wicked.
  - b. If Job were blameless he would not be treated this way by God
  - c. The antagonist's attempt to defend God's justice only intensified Job's frustration about Lord's apparent injustice.

### **Job 9 Job There is no Mediator**

- 1. God's Awesome power 9:1-13
  - a. Job was aware of what Bildad had said

- i. Knew wicked would perish
- ii. Only compounded Job's problems why was he suffering
- iii. Job sensed his inadequacy to present his case to God, God is awesome in his wisdom and power
- iv. Too risky to resist God, he could move mountains, cause earthquakes, cloud over sun and the stars
- v. In his creative powers he made stars
- vi. Job cowers under God's invisible nature irreversible power and irresistible anger
- vii. Reference to god's passing goes back to upstage Eliphaz' s dream

**2. God's Arbitrary Power 9:14-24**

- a. Since God is so great how could he possibly plead his case before God
- b. Since he would be speechless in god's presence all he could hope for was mercy
  - i. Probably would not even get a hearing
- c. If I were innocent and blameless now he affirmed he was blameless
- d. Concluded what difference does it make whither blameless or wicked God would arbitrarily destroy him
- e. Such an indiscriminate action like a scourge bringing death to the innocent and wicked Judges ruling over a nation enraged Job
- f. Here is the first time of many where Job accused God of unfairness
- g. As Job viewed life's injustices his and others he protested notion of his contenders that God never perverts justice

**3. Job's Despair V; 9:25-35**

- a. Sensed his case was useless his days were fleeting
  - i. God held him guilty no matter what he did and no one could mediate his case
  - ii. Bemoaning the brevity of his life
  - iii. Talks about speed runner, boats and eagles (falcon)
- b. Job's plight was great even if he tried to forget and smile. He would be still be guilty before God
- c. He thought God was so against him that he would throw him into cesspool
- d. **Could not confront God in court.**