



The Book of Job

Maintaining Integrity When You Are Hurting

Wednesday February 3, 2016 – Job Chapters 4-14

Please read Job 4-14 in preparation for class (and complete this study guide).

Chapters 4-14 are written in the poetic style of Hebrew wisdom literature. These chapters compose the first cycle of speeches.

Outline of Job Chapters Four Through Fourteen:

1. Job 4-5 – Eliphaz speaks.
2. Job 6-7 – Job responds to Eliphaz.
3. Job 8 – Bildad speaks.
4. Job 9-10 – Job responds to Bildad.
5. Job 11 – Zophar speaks.
6. Job 12-14 – Job responds to Zophar.

Questions for Study and Consideration:

1. Eliphaz's First Speech (Job 4-5)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Eliphaz has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Eliphaz's message? _____

- c. What is it that he says has now come upon Job in Job 4:5? _____

- d. What verses have questions for Job? _____

- e. What attitude does Eliphaz's conclusion demonstrate (5:27)? _____

2. Job's First Response To Eliphaz (Job 6-7)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Job has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Job's message? _____

- c. What reasons does Job offer for his misery? _____

- d. What does Job expect from a friend? _____
- e. What are Job's requests? _____

3. Bildad's First Speech (Job 8)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Bildad has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Bildad's message? _____

- c. What is his first criticism of Job? _____

4. Job's First Response To Bildad (Job 9-10)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Job has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Job's message? _____

- c. How does Job begin his response? _____
- d. What is Job's view of God in chapter 9? _____

- e. Find some verses in Job's response to Bildad that shows that Job would still prefer death. _____

5. Zophar's First Speech (Job 11)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Zophar has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Zophar's message? _____

- c. "God exacts from you _____ than your iniquity deserves."
- d. What does Zophar say that Job needs to do to be right? _____
- e. In his closing statement that does Zophar say is the hope of the wicked?

6. Job's First Response To Zophar (Job 12-14)

- a. Summarize the theme of what Job has to say. _____

- b. What are some key verses that show Job's message? _____

- c. Job begins with an evaluation of these friends. What does Job think of them? _____
- d. In chapter 13 Job says that what his friends know, he _____.
- e. Find verses where Job wants to talk to God. _____
- f. In chapter 14 Job begins with an evaluation of life. What is his view of life? _____
- g. "If a man dies, shall he _____ again? All the days of my hard service I will _____, Till my change comes." Job 14: _____