



The Book of Job

Maintaining Integrity When You Are Hurting

Wednesday February 24, 2016 – Job Chapters 15-21

Please read Job 15-21 in preparation for class (and complete this study guide).

In these chapters the discussion continues. Job and the comforters become more emphatic in their arguments. These chapters are the second cycle of speeches.

Outline of Job Chapters Four Through Fourteen:

1. Job 15 – Eliphaz speaks for the second time.
2. Job 16-17 – Job responds to Eliphaz’s second speech.
3. Job 18 – Bildad speaks for the second time.
4. Job 19 – Job responds to Bildad’s second speech.
5. Job 20 – Zophar speaks for the second time.
6. Job 21 – Job responds to Zophar’s second speech.

Questions for Study and Consideration:

1. Eliphaz’s Second Speech (Job 15)

- a. How does Eliphaz characterize what Job has had to say? _____

- b. How does Eliphaz characterize what the friends have had to say? _____

2. Job’s Second Response To Eliphaz (Job 16-17)

- a. In Chapter 16 what is Job’s evaluation of these friends? _____

- b. In Chapter 17 how does Job view himself and his condition? _____

3. Bildad's Second Speech (Job 18)

- a. How does Bildad think that Job views the three friends? _____

- b. What is Bildad's conclusion as to why these many tragedies have come on Job? _____

4. Job's Second Response To Bildad (Job 19)

- a. List some things that Job says God has done to him. _____

- b. Find a statement that shows that Job still has faith in God. _____

5. Zophar's Second Speech (Job 20)

- a. List some sins that Zophar says are typical of someone who suffers like Job. _____
- b. Zophar describes that God knows the sins men commit and punishes them. In his conclusion, he says that this suffering is the _____ from God for a wicked man, the _____ appointed him by God.

6. Job's Second Response To Zophar (Job 21)

- a. Does Job anticipate that his friends are going to change? _____
- b. How does Job describe the life events of the wicked? _____

- c. What is Job's view of how the wicked die? _____
- d. Job concludes with an evaluation of his friends:
 - i. The comfort they claim to bring is filled with _____ words.
 - ii. Their answers contain _____.