

January 6/Day 6

Job 10

Verse 1

- This is a new chapter, how would you know who is speaking if you started here, or if you forgot from yesterday?
- So, who IS speaking?
- Does he seem depressed?

Verses 2-3

- If you have some time, read Psalm 37 about how it seems evildoers get away with their evil and even succeed in life. For a time.

Verse 4

- Whom is Job addressing?

Verses 5-8

- Who created Job? His parents?

Observe: Psalm 139:13-16, “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth, Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

No child is an accident.

Notice all our days are already ordained by God and written in His book. We will not die one minute too soon, nor will we be one minute late. Even if you take into consideration the verses that talk about our lives being shortened due to sin or foolishness, God is still sovereign over this and the days of our lives are still written in His book. Ecclesiastes 7:17, “Do not be excessively wicked and do not be a fool. Why should you die before your time?”

Some use the following verse as a proof text, but it would be out-of-context if we do. Isaiah 57:1, “The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart; And devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from evil,”

And Exodus 20:12, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.” This one is talking about staying in the land, not dying. Note it’s cross-reference, Deuteronomy 5:26, “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD

your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.” However, observe what Scripture says about cursing our parents, "He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death." Exodus 21:17. This verse is cross-referenced in Matthew 15:4 and Mark 7:10.

Verse 9

- Does this verse remind you of what you say in Genesis with Adam?

Verses 10-17

- Job has mentioned God’s anger a couple of times, but is God angry with him? God is not angry, He’s testing Job, but Job assumes God is angry.

Verses 18-20

Life is short. James 4:14, “Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.”

Verses 21-22

Job 11

Verse 1

Now Job hears from the third friend.

Verses 2-3

In today’s English, we use “boast” to mean brag, but this “boast” means empty or idle talk. In Psalm 20:7, “Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.”, “boast” means to trust by way of remembrance; remembering what God has done for us in the past.

Verses 4-8

Sheol is the underworld, and was the temporary holding place for lost dead souls. Sheol is a Hebrew word and its Greek equivalent is Hades. It is not the same as Hell, the word Gehenna. For those who reject Christ, Hell and the Lake of Fire is their final destination. Paradise and Abraham’s bosom are synonyms for heaven. For the believer, to close their eyes in death is to be present before God. (2 Cor 5:8)

- What do these verses tell us about Sheol?

Verse 9

- What's a measure? What is he still talking about?

Verses 10-11

- What does this tell us about God?

We may be able to deceive ourselves and others, but He knows us.

Verses 12-15

He's trying to say Job must've done something wrong.

Verses 16-17

When the sun is out, there is no time brighter than noonday.

- His darkness would be like morning? Is there still light in the morning, though not as bright as the noonday?

Verses 18-20

Job 12

Verses 1-3

Job is saying he's not stupid. And he's not crazy. Have you ever experienced God working in your life and people think you're crazy?

Verse 4

Job reiterates he has done nothing wrong. It seems to him the friends offer a pseudo-compassion. They are so busy offering advice, they don't HEAR him.

Verse 5

He says they can't possibly understand because they have not experienced this calamity for themselves. Who can minister to us better than someone who has experienced what we're going through?

Verses 6-12

If we're growing. It is possible to be old and unwise. This is a principle, not an absolute.

Verses 13-15

- From Whom do floods come?

Verses 16-17

The wisest man is a fool compared to the wisdom of God.

Verses 18-22

Daniel's prayer from chapter 2:20-22

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
for wisdom and power belong to Him.
He changes the times and seasons;
He removes kings and establishes them.
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals the deep and hidden things;
He knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with Him.”

Luke 8:17, “For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light.”

Verse 23

- Who makes a nation great? The people, the politicians? Remember this!
- Why would He then destroy them?

Verses 24-25

- What would the figurative language, to grope in darkness, mean? Where do we find light?

Job 13

- New chapter. Who is still speaking?

Verses 1-4

“Worthless physicians...”. His friends weren't actually doctors. He's saying they offer no comfort for healing.

And of the leaders of Israel, God says through Jeremiah, "They heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people **superficially**, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace." (8:11, emphasis mine)

Verse 5

There is wisdom in silence on many occasions.

Verses 6-8

The friends have been acting like they were speaking to Job on behalf of God. They had religious words. Did they have truth?

Verses 9-10

Romans 2:11, "For there is no partiality with God."

If you have time, read James 2 about our showing partiality toward some over others.

Verses 11-13

I could picture here the friends trying to interject and Job raising a finger as he says so.

Verses 14-15

Is this our prayer during a time of testing? During a time of grief? Remember this.

Verses 16-17

Watch who he addresses now.

Verses 18-26

It's important to note Job was not a perfect man, though God tells us he was a righteous and blameless man. Being right with God does not mean we are perfect. Sinless perfection is a lie. It is not attainable.

Verses 27-28

Quite a cliff-hanger, huh?