

January 5/Day 5

Job 6

Verse 1

When starting off on this chapter, a basic question should come to mind; *Whom did Job answer?* If you don't remember from yesterday, check Job 4 and 5 for context and you will find he is answering his friend, Eliphaz.

Verse 2

A calamity is a disaster. Remember, we looked at Isaiah 45:7, "The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these."

Verse 3

- What would be heavier than the sand of the seas? Refer back to verse 2. Is sand heavy?

Verse 4

This is figurative language here. God has not literally shot Job with arrows, but it's how Job feels. Once again, he refers to the sovereignty of God by stating He knows from Whom the "arrows" originate.

Verses 5-7

He is in so much distress and agony he has lost his appetite.

Verses 8-9

He longs for death.

Verse 10

Still Job remains faithful.

Verses 11-14

It seems like he's sort of rebuking Eliphaz here. Eliphaz should have encouraged Him in the Lord, the way Job had done for others in the past.

Verse 15

A wadi is a little stream in a river valley but it is dried up unless there are heavy rains. Would this be how a wadi would act deceitfully? Read on.

Verses 16-20

Because they found no water, no relief.

Verse 21

Describing the behavior of Eliphaz.

Verses 22-25

Observe Paul's words to the Corinthian church in 2 Corinthians 7:8-9, "For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—*for* I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of* God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death."

Ephesians 4:15, "But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ," and Colossians 4:6. "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."

"Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy." – Warren Wiersbe

Verse 26

He's saying when we're grieving, we need to talk it out., we don't need advice.

Verses 27-30

Job 7

Notice how the new chapter is a continuation of Job's speech.

Verses 1-3

He sounds a little hopeless.

Verse 4

He's having trouble sleeping.

Verses 5-6

Confirmed, he feels hopeless.

Verse 7

Remember this.

Verses 8-11

Notice the strong descriptive words he uses here.

Verse 12

Remember leviathan?

Verses 13-14

2 Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (KJV)

Verses 15-17

Psalm 8:4, "What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?"

Verse 18

- Who does this?

Verses 19-21

The dictionary says a transgression breaks a law. Strong's definition for this word is a breach of trust or a rebellious act.

The dictionary says iniquity is immoral or grossly unfair behavior. Strong's definition for this word is guilt. My teacher said iniquity is living your own way. This is what causes guilt.

Job 8

Verse 1

The second friend begins to speak.

Verses 2-3

It seems like he is saying, you must've done something wrong.

Have you ever gone through a difficult time of testing and a friend tells you it must be because of something you've done? Scripture says Job was a righteous man.

Verse 4

It seems like he is saying Job's sons must've done something wrong.

Verses 5-6

- “If you are pure and upright”... What had we been told of Job’s character?

Verses 7-10

- Can we learn from previous generations? Their victories? Their mistakes?

Verses 11-22

Job 9

Verses 1-9

- Did you know these constellations were mentioned in the Bible?

Verse 10

- Who does these things?

Verses 11-15

- Who is Job’s judge?

Verses 16-18

So much had happened to Job so quickly.

Verses 19-22

Matthew 5:45b, “He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

Verse 23

Job is saying it seems as if God does this. This is poetic, not literal.

Verses 24-29

- What is the point of being righteous?

Verse 30

- When you think of ancient times, the middle east, and the desert, how often do you think of snow? Did you know they had snow?

Verse 31

While I'm sympathetic to Job's situation, I couldn't help but snicker at the picture of his clothes hating him.

Verse 32

- Can we accuse God? Can we make Him stand trial for injustice?

Verse 33

An umpire is one who makes a decision between two parties. Baseball was not yet invented.

Verse 34

Proverbs 22:15, "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him." Discipline is child training. It is not punishment, although punishment can be found among discipline. In this case, the rod of discipline is punishment.

Verse 35

He fears God. He has a holy respect for the sovereign of the universe.