January 7/Day 7

<u>Iob 14</u>

• Who is still speaking? Whom is he addressing? His friends or God?

Verse 1

• John 16:33, (Jesus is speaking), "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Verses 2-4

- Romans 3:10-12, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE <u>11</u>THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD <u>12</u>ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."
- If we seek after God, it's because He gave us the desire to do so.

Verse 5

• Psalm 139:16b, "All my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be."

Verses 6-7

• To what is he comparing the tree?

Verses 8-22

• How hard is it to focus on anything when we are in pain?

<u>Iob 15</u>

Verse 1

Eliphaz speaks again.

Verses 2-4

• Eliphaz accuses Job of being irreverent.

Verse 5

• Eliphaz accuses Job of being manipulative.

Verses 6-8

• Eliphaz accuses Job of pride.

Verses 9-12

• What do you think he means that his "eyes flash"?

Verses 13-15

• Who do you think His holy ones are here based on the context in the second phrase?

Verses 16-20

• Sortof seems like Eliphaz is saying Job is wicked since he's in pain.

Verses 21-25

• Has job stretched out his hand or acted arrogantly against God? God Himself said He is righteous and blameless.

Verses 26-29

• Have you ever suffered a loss that cause friends and family to assume you've done wrong and are being punished by God? Is hardship always punishment, according to what we've seen in Job? Had Job done anything to deserve this testing?

Verses 30-35

• Do you think Eliphaz was encouraging toward Job? Maybe he thought he was.

<u>Iob 16</u>

Verse 1

• Who is speaking now?

Verse 2

• What does Job say about his friends?

Verses 3-4

• Again, we don't know what others are going through unless we have gone through it ourselves.

Verse 5

• Which is what they started off saying about Job's character, that he was indeed a comforter.

Verses 6-9

• Job again mentions God's anger. We have the whole counsel of God and we can be objective about Job's plight. He didn't have all the information we have so that, while he had great faith, may not have been completely familiar with all the aspects of God's character, that He is both just and merciful.

Verses 10-12

• Remember, this is poetic. Has God truly grasped Job by the neck and shaken him? While it may seem so to Job, this is figurative language.

Verse 13

- Is God without mercy?
- Lamentations 3:22-23, "22The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

Verses 14-19

- Hebrews 7:25, "Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
- 1 John 2:1, "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
- You may say, But these verses are about Jesus and we are in the Old Testament. Friend, do you remember where Jesus was in the beginning?

Verse 20

• A scoffer is a mocker.

Verses 21-22

See you tomorrow.