

Lesson 6

Bildad's First Speech - 8:1-22

- Bildad rushes to attack Job. He has been waiting a long time to express his opinion.
- He is cruel and harsh in many of his vicious comments.

JOB 8:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, See Job 2:11 for comments on Bildad.

1. Bildad was of Shuah. (Job 2:11; 18:1; 25:1; 42:9).
2. This may refer to the descendants of Shuah one of the sons of Abraham by Keturah. (Gen. 25:2; 1 Chron. 1:32).
3. The Shuhites resided near the land of Uz (Job 2:11).

He Accuses Job Of Being Windy

JOB 8:2 "How long will you say these things [Job], And the words of your mouth be a mighty wind?"

God Is Justly Punishing You

JOB 8:3 "Does God pervert [subvert, twist] justice Or does the Almighty pervert [subvert, twist] what is right?"

1. God is Just. The just God punishes only evil men
2. Bildad reasoned Job must then be evil..

Job's Children

JOB 8:4 "If [since] your sons sinned against Him, Then He delivered them into the power of their transgression."

1. He suggests Job's children deserved to die. Since they had been killed, they must have been great sinners. Bildad is vicious.
2. **Note:** It is vicious to automatically to conclude his children evil because they were killed.

Questions Job

JOB 8:5 "If you would seek God And implore the compassion of the Almighty,

JOB 8:6 If you are pure and upright, Surely now He would rouse Himself for you And restore your righteous estate.

Job 4:7. Job's lack of prosperity equals a lack of righteousness according to Bildad.

JOB 8:7 "Though your beginning was insignificant [small, humble], Yet your end [future] will increase greatly."

Consider Wisdom Of Fathers

JOB 8:8 "Please inquire of past generations, And consider the things searched out [discovered] by their fathers."

"Question men of bygone ages, attend to what our fathers found." Mof.

JOB 8:9 "For we are only of yesterday and know nothing, Because our days on earth are as a shadow."

1. Much of the knowledge and wisdom we have comes from the past.
2. Without the accumulation of wisdom and knowledge we would be in the dark ages.

JOB 8:10 "Will they [the forefathers] not teach you and tell you, And bring forth words from their minds?"

JOB 8:11 "Can the papyrus grow up without marsh? Can the rushes [reeds] grow without water?"

JOB 8:12 "While it is still green and not cut down, Yet it withers before any other plant [without water]."

JOB 8:13 "So are the paths of all who forget God, And the hope of the godless will perish,"

Hope Of The Ungodly Man Is As Flimsy As A Spider's Web

JOB 8:14 Whose [wicked] confidence is fragile, And whose trust a spider's web."

JOB 8:15 "He trusts in his house, but it does not stand; He holds fast to it, but it does not endure.

1. The word "house" can be used of a physical structure or family.
2. He had lost both.

The Point Of Job 8:16-19 Is That Job Was Once Prosperous, But Due To His Sin He Was Uprooted And His Wealth Was Given To Others

JOB 8:16 "He thrives before the sun, And his shoots [branches] spread out over his garden.

JOB 8:17 "His roots wrap around a rock pile, He grasps a house of stones.

JOB 8:18 "If he is removed from his place, Then it will deny him, saying, 'I never saw you.'

JOB 8:19 "Behold, this is the joy of His way; And out of the dust others will spring.

"God Will Not Reject A Man Of Integrity"

JOB 8:20 "Lo, God will not reject [cast away] a man of integrity, Nor will He support [uphold] the evildoers.

1. He contends God has rejected Job. Bildad's conclusion about Job could not be more wrong.
2. Job was a man of integrity, but he was suffering. (Job 1:1, 8; 2:3).

Results Of Job's Repentance God will bless him and shame his enemies

JOB 8:21 "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter [Job], And your lips with shouting.

JOB 8:22 "Those who hate you will be clothed with shame; And the tent of the wicked will be no more."

Job's Second Reply Replies To Bildad Job 9:1-10:22

JOB 9:1 Then Job answered,

JOB 9:2 "In truth I know that this is so, But how can a man be in the right [that is acquitted] before God?"

1. He knows he is an upright man, and yet God has tormented him and has condemned him.
2. He questions anyone can get a fair deal from God.

No One Can Answer God

JOB 9:3 "If one wished to dispute with Him, He could not answer Him once in a thousand times. Finite man is no match for the Infinite God.

No One Can Contend With Jehovah

JOB 9:4 "Wise in heart and mighty in strength, Who has defied Him without harm?"

1. God is too wise and strong for man to contend with Him.
2. His strengths is evidenced in His operations in nature.

Remove Mountains

JOB 9:5 "It is God who removes the mountains, they know not how, When He overturns them in His anger;

Shakes The Earth

JOB 9:6 Who shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble;

Controls The Light Of The Sun And The Stars

JOB 9:7 Who commands the sun not to shine, And sets a seal upon the stars; He can seal off the light of the stars.

“Stretches Out The Heavens, Tramples Down The Waves Of The Sea”

JOB 9:8 Who alone stretches out the heavens, And tramples down the waves of the sea;

Set The Constellations In Place

JOB 9:9 Who makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers [constellations] of the south;

No One Can Analyze What God Is Doing Or Questions Him Praises The Works Of God

10-12

JOB 9:10 Who does great things, unfathomable, And wondrous works without number.

JOB 9:11 "Were He to pass by me, I would not see Him; Were He to move past me, I would not perceive Him.

JOB 9:12 "Were He to snatch away, who could restrain Him? Who could say to Him, 'What art Thou doing?'

Note: Job could not see that Jehovah was working something in his life he could not analyze. His eyes were blinded by anguish.

God Will Not Withdraw His Anger

JOB 9:13 "God will not turn back [withdraw] His anger; Beneath Him crouch the helpers of Rahab. It is futile to argue with the infinite God. “Rahab” - Amp. has “arrogant monster of the sea.” NKJV “the allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.”

How Can Man Answer A Being Like That

JOB 9:14 "How then can I answer Him, And choose my words before Him? Job feels that even if he were allowed to argue his cause in the heavenly court that it would be useless.

JOB 9:15 "For though I were right, I could not answer; I would have to implore the mercy of my judge. He is convinced that he could not get an impartial hearing from God.

JOB 9:16 "If I called and He answered me, I could not believe that He was listening to my voice.

JOB 9:17 "For He bruises me with a tempest, And multiplies my wounds without cause.

JOB 9:18 "He will not allow me to get [catch] my breath, But saturates me with bitterness.

JOB 9:19 "If it is a matter of power, behold, He is the strong one! And if it is a matter of justice, who can summon Him?

Job Claims Innocence Despises Himself

JOB 9:20 "Though I am righteous, my mouth will condemn me; Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.

JOB 9:21 "I am guiltless [innocent]; I do not take notice of myself; I despise [hate] my life.

Argues God Is Indifferent To Suffering Destroys The Good And The Evil Indiscriminately

JOB 9:22 "It is all one; therefore I say, 'He destroys the guiltless and the wicked.'

1. God does not care for man and destroys all - guiltless and innocent..

2. God does care. (Matt. 6:25-34.) He blesses all (Matt. 5:43, 44), but gives special blessings to His children. (Psa. 84:11; Eph. 1:3).

Laughs At The Calamities Of The Innocent

JOB 9:23 "If the scourge [disaster] kills suddenly, He [God] mocks [laughs] the despair of the innocent. Nothing could be more false. God is not indifferent to our suffering.

Permits The Earth To Be Given Over To The Wicked And Permits Injustice To Be Unchecked

JOB 9:24 "The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covers [blind-folds] the faces of its judges. If it is not He, then who is it? He suggests there was a strong possibility that God blinded the judges to justice.

Days Going By Faster Than A Runner

JOB 9:25 "Now my days are swifter than a runner; They [my days] flee away, they see no good.

Passing Faster Than A Reed Boat Or An Eagle After Its Prey

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JOB 9:26 "They slip by like reed boats, Like an eagle that swoops on its prey.

JOB 9:26 They skim past like boats of papyrus, like eagles swooping down on their prey.

1. Some eagles travel more than 100 miles an hour.
2. At times life seems to pass fast or slow depending on a lot of circumstances.

JOB 9:27 "Though I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my sad countenance and be cheerful,'

JOB 9:28 I am afraid of all my pains, I know that Thou wilt not acquit me [that is, pronounce me innocent]..

JOB 9:29 "I am accounted wicked [condemned], Why then should I toil [toil, work] in vain?

He Is Treated As Filth No Matter How Much He Tries To Be True God punishes him even if he is clean and pure.

JOB 9:30 "If I should wash myself with snow And cleanse my hands with lye,

JOB 9:31 Yet Thou wouldst plunge me into the pit, And my own clothes would abhor me.

He Is Helpless To Contend With God - God is infinite, not a man.

JOB 9:32 "For He [God] is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together.

Feels A Need For An Umpire To Arbitrate Between Him And God

JOB 9:33 "There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.

For Lack Of An Umpire He Is Terrified And Stricken Dumb

9:34-35

JOB 9:34 "Let Him remove His rod from me, And let not dread of Him terrify me.

JOB 9:35 "Then I would speak and not fear Him; But I am not like that in myself.

Job Loathes Life

JOB 10:1 "I loathe my own life; I will give full vent [free rein, expression] to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. "My soul will make a bitter outcry" - Bas

JOB 10:2 "I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me; Let me know why Thou dost contend with me [that I what You have against me].

JOB 10:3 'Is it right for Thee indeed to oppress, To reject the labor of Thy hands, And to look favorably on the schemes of the wicked?' "Does it really seem right to you to oppress" - Tay

Some Questions

JOB 10:4 'Hast Thou eyes of flesh [humans]? Or dost Thou see as a man sees? God is not flesh. (Matt. 16:17; Jn. 4:24; 1 Sam. 16:7.

JOB 10:5 'Are Thy days as the days of a mortal, Or Thy years as man's years, God is eternal - man is everlasting. (Psa. 90:2; Deut. 33:27). Job viewed man as mortal with only a short, miserable time on the earth.

JOB 10:6 That Thou shouldst seek for my guilt, And search after my sin?

“Not Guilty”

JOB 10:7 'According to Thy knowledge I am indeed not guilty; Yet there is no deliverance from Thy hand.

Recognizes God As Creator

JOB 10:8 ' Thy hands fashioned and made me altogether [in every part], And wouldst Thou destroy me?

JOB 10:9 'Remember now, that Thou hast made me as clay; And wouldst Thou turn me into dust again? See Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:1-18.

JOB 10:10 'Didst Thou not pour me out like milk, And curdle me like cheese;

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JOB 10:11 Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews?

JOB 10:12 'Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness; And Thy care has preserved my spirit.

JOB 10:13 'Yet these things Thou hast concealed in Thy heart; I know that this is within Thee:

JOB 10:14 If I sin, then Thou wouldst take note of me, And wouldst not acquit me of my guilt.

JOB 10:15 'If I am wicked, woe to me! And if I am righteous, I dare not lift up my head. I am sated with disgrace and conscious of my misery.

JOB 10:16 'And should my head be lifted up, Thou wouldst hunt me like a lion; And again Thou wouldst show Thy power against me.

JOB 10:17 'Thou dost renew Thy witnesses against me, And increase Thine anger toward me, Hardship after hardship is with me.

Job Wishes He Had Never Been Born

See Job 3

JOB 10:18 ' Why then hast Thou brought me out of the womb? Would that I had died [at birth] and no eye had seen me!

JOB 10:19 'I should have been as though I had not been, Carried from womb to tomb.'

Wants God To Withdraw From Him

JOB 10:20 "Would He not let my few days alone? Withdraw from me that I may have a little cheer

JOB 10:21 Before I go-- and I shall not return-- To the land of darkness and deep shadow;

JOB 10:22 The land of utter gloom as darkness itself, Of deep shadow without order, And which shines as the darkness. "

Zophar's First Speech

11:1-20

- Eliphaz and Bildad had attacked him.
- Zophar now attacks Job.

JOB 11:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,

JOB 11:2 "Shall a multitude of words go unanswered, And a talkative man be acquitted?

1. Prov. 10:19; Eccles. 5:3

2. The fact Job is talkative does not acquit him of sin.

JOB 11:3 "Shall your boasts silence men? And shall you scoff and none rebuke?

JOB 11:4 "For you have said, 'My teaching is pure, And I am innocent in your [God's] eyes.'

JOB 11:4 You say to God, My beliefs are flawless and I am pure in your sight.' NIV

“your” - RSV “God’s”

JOB 11:5 "But would that God might speak, And open His lips against you, He charged if God spoke He would have plenty to say about Job's sins.

JOB 11:6 And show you the secrets of wisdom! For sound wisdom has two sides. Know then that God forgets a part of your iniquity.

God's Greatness And Omnipotence Lauded

11:7-12

JOB 11:7 "Can you discover the depths [the deep things] of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?

JOB 11:8 "They are high as the heavens, what can you do? Deeper than Sheol, what can you know?

JOB 11:9 "Its measure is longer than the earth, And broader than the sea.

JOB 11:10 "If He passes by or shuts up, Or calls an assembly, who can restrain Him?

JOB 11:11 "For He knows false men, And He sees iniquity without investigating.

Proverbial Expression Leveled Against Job

JOB 11:12 "And an idiot will become intelligent When the foal of a wild donkey is born a man.

Exhorts Job To Repent And Be Blessed

JOB 11:13 "If you would direct your heart right, And spread out your hand to Him;

JOB 11:14 If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, And do not let wickedness [evil, injustice] dwell in your tents.

JOB 11:15 "Then, indeed, you could lift up your face without moral defect, And you would be steadfast and not fear.

JOB 11:16 "For you would forget your trouble, As waters that have passed by, you would remember it.

JOB 11:17 "And your life would be brighter [more radiant] than noonday; Darkness would be like the morning.

JOB 11:18 "Then you would trust, because there is hope; And you would look around and rest securely.

JOB 11:19 "You would lie down and none would disturb you, And many would entreat your favor.

JOB 11:20 "But the eyes of the wicked will fail [become blind], And there will be no escape for them; And their hope is to breathe their last."

Job's Third Reply

12:1-14:22

- Chapters 12:1-13:19 is a tongue-lashing to his critics.
- Chapters 13:20-14:22 challenges God to meet him in court.

JOB 12:1 Then Job responded,

JOB 12:2 "Truly then you are the people, And with you wisdom will die! Job sarcastically says wisdom would die with Zophar.

JOB 12:3 "But I have intelligence as well as you; I am not inferior to you. And who does not know such things as these?"

Job Believe He Is A Joke

JOB 12:4 "I am a joke to my friends. The one who called on God, and He answered him; The just and blameless man is a joke.

1. The fact he is a joke refutes the theory of his friends that only sinners suffer.

2. According to God he was blameless. (Job 1:1).

JOB 12:5 "He who is at ease holds calamity [misfortune] in contempt, As prepared for those whose feet slip.

JOB 12:6 "The tents of the destroyers prosper, And those who provoke God are secure, Whom God brings into their power.

JOB 12:7 "But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.

JOB 12:8 "Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; And let the fish of the sea declare to you.

JOB 12:9 "Who among all these does not know That the hand of the Lord has done this,

JOB 12:10 In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?

JOB 12:11 "Does not the ear test words, As the palate tastes its food?"

Wisdom Comes With Age

There Are Exceptions

JOB 12:12 "Wisdom is with aged men, With long life is understanding. This is normally true. There are, however, some old fools.

JOB 12:13 "With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding.

JOB 12:14 "Behold, He tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt; He imprisons a man, and there can be no release.

JOB 12:15 "Behold, He restrains the waters, and they dry up; And He sends them out, and they inundate the earth.

JOB 12:16 "With Him are strength and sound wisdom, The misled and the misleader belong to Him.

JOB 12:17 "He makes counselors walk barefoot, And makes fools of judges.

JOB 12:18 "He loosens the bond of kings, And binds their loins with a girdle.

JOB 12:19 "He makes priests walk barefoot, And overthrows the secure ones.

JOB 12:20 "He deprives the trusted ones of speech, And takes away the discernment of the elders.

JOB 12:21 "He pours contempt on nobles, And loosens the belt of the strong.

JOB 12:22 "He reveals mysteries from the darkness, And brings the deep darkness into light.

JOB 12:23 "He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away.

JOB 12:24 "He deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people, And makes them wander in a pathless waste.

JOB 12:25 "They grope in darkness with no light, And He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Job Reproves Friends

13:1-13

His Wisdom Is Not Inferior To Theirs

JOB 13:1 "Behold, my eye has seen all this, My ear has heard and understood it.

JOB 13:2 "What you know I also know. I am not inferior to you.

Silence Would Have Blissfully Wise

13:3-5

JOB 13:3 "But I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to argue with God.

Angry Remarks

JOB 13:4 "But you smear with lies; You are all worthless physicians. Sad, but true.

JOB 13:5 "O that you would be completely silent, And that it [silence] would become your wisdom!

JOB 13:6 "Please hear my argument, And listen to the contentions of my lips.

JOB 13:7 "Will you speak what is unjust for God, And speak what is deceitful for Him?

JOB 13:8 "Will you show partiality for Him? Will you contend for God?

JOB 13:9 "Will it be well when He examines you? Or will you deceive Him as one deceives a man?

God Is Just

JOB 13:10 "He will surely reprove you, If you secretly show partiality. More and more he begins to realize that God is just.

JOB 13:11 "Will not His majesty terrify you, And the dread of Him fall on you?

JOB 13:12 "Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay.

JOB 13:13 "Be silent before me so that I may speak; Then let come on me what may.

He Will Risk His Life To Speak

JOB 13:14 "Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my life in my hands?

JOB 13:15 "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.

ASV "Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope."

NASB seems to be correct idea from context. See Job 13:16, 18, 19.

Godless Man

JOB 13:16 "This also will be my salvation, For a godless man may not come before His presence.

**JOB 13:17 "Listen carefully to my speech, And let my declaration fill your ears.
JOB 13:18 "Behold now, I have prepared my case; I know that I will be vindicated.
JOB 13:19 "Who will contend with me? For then I would be silent and die.
JOB 13:20 "Only two things do not do to me, Then I will not hide from Thy face:**

1st Request - "Remove Thy hand from me."

**JOB 13:21 Remove Thy hand from me, And let not the dread of Thee terrify me.
JOB 13:22 "Then call, and I will answer; Or let me speak, then reply to me.**

Wants To Know His Sins

**JOB 13:23 "How many are my iniquities and sins? Make known to me my rebellion and my sin.
JOB 13:24 "Why dost Thou hide Thy face, And consider me Thine enemy?
JOB 13:25 "Wilt Thou cause a driven leaf to tremble? Or wilt Thou pursue the dry chaff?**

He Accuses God Of Writing Down Bitter Things Against Him And Holding Him Accountable For The Sins Of His Youth

**JOB 13:26 "For Thou dost write bitter things against me, And dost make me to inherit the iniquities of my youth.
JOB 13:27 "Thou dost put my feet in the stocks, And dost watch all my paths; Thou dost set a limit for the soles of my feet,
Present Condition**

JOB 13:28 While I am decaying like a rotten thing, Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Man's Short Span Of Earthly Existence 14:1-2

**JOB 14:1 "Man, who is born of woman, Is short-lived and full of turmoil [trouble]. Every man is of woman except Adam.
Christ was even born of woman. (Gal. 4:4).**

JOB 14:2 "Like a flower he comes forth [blossoms] and withers. He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.

JOB 14:3 "Thou also dost open Thine eyes on him, And bring him into judgment with Thyself.

"Oh, that there were one pure among the impure, But there is none" - Ber.

JOB 14:4 "Who can make the clean out of the [those] unclean? No one!

**JOB 14:5 "Since his days are determined, The number of his months is with Thee, And his limits Thou hast set
so that he cannot pass.**

1. God could end our time. There is no evidence God has predetermined our time here.
2. Our own wickedness, the wickedness of others, accidents, nature, etc. can cut our time short.
3. "Whatever will be" is not of God. See. Matt. 6:9, 10 - God's will is not always done.

Talking About Man In General

JOB 14:6 "Turn Thy gaze from him that he may rest, Until he fulfills his day like a hired man.

JOB 14:7 "For there is hope for a tree, When it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And its shoots will not fail.

JOB 14:8 "Though its roots grow old in the ground, And its stump dies in the dry soil,

JOB 14:9 At the scent [first whiff] of water it will flourish [sprout] And put forth sprigs like a plant.

Denies Resurrection

JOB 14:10 "But man dies and lies prostrate [lifeless]. Man expires, and where is he?

JOB 14:11 "As water evaporates from the sea, And a river becomes parched and dried up,

**JOB 14:12 So man lies down and does not rise. Until the heavens be no more, He will not awake nor be aroused out of his
sleep.**

**JOB 14:13 "Oh that Thou wouldst hide me in Sheol, That Thou wouldst conceal me until Thy wrath returns
to Thee, That Thou wouldst set a limit for me and remember me!**

Great Question - Man Yearns To Live Again

JOB 14:14 "If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait, Until my change comes.

"If only man might night and live again, I could endure my weary post until relief arrived." Mof

"day after day of my service I would wait for my relief to come" - Jerus.

1. Job seems very unsure.
2. Jn. 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23.
3. We can be confident about the victorious life and live without doubt.

JOB 14:15 "Thou wilt call, and I will answer Thee; Thou wilt long for the work of Thy hands.

God Is Following Him And Watching For Every Sin

JOB 14:16 "For now Thou dost number my steps, Thou dost not observe my sin.

1. You are watching my every step and are recording my every sin.
2. God knows our sins, but He is always ready to forgive the penitent. See Prov. 15:3

JOB 14:17 "My transgression is sealed up in a bag [as evidence against him] And Thou dost wrap up my iniquity.

Like The Crushing Force Of Nature Hope Is Destroyed

14:18-19

JOB 14:18 "But the falling mountain crumbles away, And the rock moves from its place [vanishes];

JOB 14:19 Water wears away stones, Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth; So Thou dost destroy man's hope. You have made no less inevitable man's doom.

Man Passes Into Death And His Knowledge Of Earthly Affairs Is Veiled

14:20-22

JOB 14:20 "Thou dost forever overpower him and he departs [forever]; Thou dost change his appearance [in death] and send him away [from the presence of the living].

Ignorance In Death

JOB 14:21 "His sons achieve honor, but he does not know it; Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive it.

JOB 14:22 "But his body pains him, And he mourns only for himself."

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