

Lesson 7

Second Cycle Of Speeches

15:1-21:34

- Job's friends become even harder on him.
- Sparks fly!
- Too many harsh things have been uttered by Job and his three friends!

Eliphaz's Second Speech

JOB 15:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded,

Ridicules Job And Accuses Him Of Windy Defenses

15:1-3

JOB 15:2 "Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, And fill himself with the [hot] east wind?

JOB 15:3 "Should he argue with useless talk, Or with words which are not profitable? Again Job is accused of being windy and arguing with useless, unprofitable talk.

He Charges Job Increasing Irreverence For God

JOB 15:4 "Indeed, you do away with reverence, And hinder meditation before God.

1. Instead of Job asking for forgiveness, he accuses Job of justifying himself to the infallible God.
2. God would not punish him unless he was a sinner.
3. His denial was irreverent to God.
4. Job is accusing God of being unjust.
5. Men have often charged God of being unjust for these and other reasons: (1) Wealth (2) Health (3) Power (4) Fame (5) Race (6) Nationality (7) Education (8) Freedom.
6. **God is not unjust.**

Job's Defense Is A Commentary Upon His Iniquity

15:5-6

JOB 15:5 "For your guilt teaches [controls, prompts] your mouth, And you choose the language of the crafty.

JOB 15:6 "Your own mouth condemns you, and not I [my mouth]; And your own lips testify against you.

Questions For Job

JOB 15:7 "Were you the first man to be born, Or were you brought forth before the hills?

1. Are you in a state of innocence as Adam? Are you older than Adam? God was before the hills - not you.
2. Eliphaz suggests that the patriarch is egotistical by implying that he believed that his wisdom was greater than that of antiquity. (15:7, 10).
3. Eliphaz may have not known the first man was not born, but was created.

God Does Not Reveal Wisdom Just To Job

JOB 15:8 "Do you hear the secret counsel of God, And limit [the possession of wisdom] to yourself? Job did not have access

to God's "secret counsel."

JOB 15:9 "What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that we do not?"

JOB 15:10 "Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us, [men] Older than your father."

Consolations of God

JOB 15:11 "Are the consolations of God too small for you, Even the word spoken gently with you?"

1. He rebukes Job for not gratefully accepting the gentle consolations which he and the others had given.
2. These were "consolations of God."
3. The "consolations of God" are great, but not the twisted way his friends presented them.
4. God has blessed us with: (1) Material blessings (2) Love (3) Peace (4) Forgiveness (5) A Christian family (6) Job (7) Assurance of heaven, etc.

JOB 15:12 "Why does your heart [emotions] carry you away? And why do your eyes flash [with anger],"

1. Job's explosive emotions [flashing eyes] had given rise to rash words. (Job 15:12, 13).
2. He was being controlled by his feelings and emotions.

JOB 15:13 That you should turn your spirit [rage, anger] against God, And allow such words to go out of your mouth?"

Does Job Dare To Separate Himself From The Rest Of Sinful Humanity

JOB 15:14 "What is man, that he should be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?"

Humanity is sinful, and Job is no exception.

JOB 15:15 "Behold, He puts no trust in His holy ones [angels], And the heavens [angels] are not pure in His sight; Since not even angels are to be trusted (Job 4:18; 5:1; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6), how much less a man like Job "who drinks iniquity like water."

JOB 15:16 How much less one who is detestable and corrupt, Man, who drinks [craves] iniquity [evil] like water!"

Suffering Comes To Wicked Based On Personal Observation

JOB 15:17 "I will tell you, listen to me; And what I have seen I will also declare;"

Suffering Comes To Wicked Based On Tradition Of The Fathers

15:18-20

JOB 15:18 What wise men have told, And have not concealed from their fathers,

JOB 15:19 To whom alone the land was given, And no alien passed among them.

JOB 15:20 "The wicked man writhes in pain all his days, And numbered are the years stored up for the ruthless."

All Sorts Of Afflictions Are Bound To Oppress The Rebel Who Stretches Out His Hand Against God

15:21-25

JOB 15:21 "Sounds of terror are in his ears, While at peace the destroyer comes upon him.

JOB 15:22 "He does not believe that he will return from darkness, And he is destined for the sword.

JOB 15:23 "He wanders about for food, saying, 'Where is it?' He knows that a day of darkness is at hand.

JOB 15:24 "Distress and anguish terrify him, They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,

JOB 15:25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God, And conducts himself arrogantly against the Almighty.

JOB 15:26 "He rushes headlong at Him [God] With his massive shield. Job is accused of stubbornly assaulting God, rushing Him with a thick shield.

JOB 15:27 "For he has covered his face with his fat, And made his thighs heavy with flesh. Since Job will not confess his

sins, Eliphaz will fill in the blanks for him. He had become fat, that is, he had wallowed in selfish luxury.

JOB 15:28 "And he has lived in desolate cities, In houses no one would inhabit, Which are destined to become ruins. He had settled down with ease in the ruins of cities that had been the object of divine wrath.

Those Who Conduct Themselves Such Will Not Continue To Be Blessed With Riches

JOB 15:29 "He will not become rich, nor will his wealth endure; And his grain will not bend down to the ground. This is not always true in this world.

Darkness Will Engulf Him And God's Breathe Will Wither Him

JOB 15:30 "He will not escape from darkness; The flame will wither his shoots, And by the breath of His mouth he will go away.

The Spiritual Fruitfulness Of The Godless Is Depicted In A Series Of Agricultural Symbols 15:32-35

JOB 15:31 "Let him not trust in emptiness [falseness, futility], deceiving himself; For emptiness will be his reward.

JOB 15:32 "It will be accomplished before his time, And his palm branch will not be green.

JOB 15:33 "He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine, And will cast off his flower like the olive tree.

JOB 15:34 "For the company of the godless is barren, And fire consumes the tents of the corrupt.

JOB 15:35 "They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity, And their mind prepares deception."

Job's Second Reply To Eliphaz

His Fourth Reply To Friends

16:1-17:16

JOB 16:1 Then Job answered,

Calls Friends Sorry Comforters

JOB 16:2 "I have heard many such things; Sorry [miserable] comforters are you all.

1. They did not comfort, but viciously attacked Job. They looked upon themselves as comforters, but they were lousy at it.
2. Good comforters" (1) Seek to help (2) Show compassion (3) Listen (4) Slow to criticize (5) Look for the good (6) Spend time.

JOB 16:3 "Is there no limit to windy words? Or what plagues you that you answer?

JOB 16:4 "I too could speak like you, If I were in your place. I could compose words [fine speeches] against you, And shake my head [in contempt] at you.

JOB 16:5 "I could strengthen [encourage] you with my mouth, And the solace [consolation] of my lips could lessen your pain [suffering].

JOB 16:6 "If I speak, my pain is not lessened, And if I hold back, what has left me? Speaking does not help his pain, but pain is all he has left.

JOB 16:7 "But now He [God] has exhausted me [by taking away my strength]; Thou [God] hast laid waste all my company [family and friends].

JOB 16:8 "And Thou hast shriveled me up, It has become a witness; And my leanness rises up against me, It testifies to my face. Even his wretched physical condition [skin and bones] testifies against him.

God With Gnashing Teeth And Flashing Eyes Persecutes Him

JOB 16:9 "His anger has torn me and hunted me down, He has gnashed at me with His teeth; My adversary glares at me.

Describes Contemptible Conduct Of His Contemporaries

JOB 16:10 "They have gaped [ridiculed] at me with their mouth, They have slapped me on the cheek with contempt; They have massed [united] themselves against me.

**Job Accuses God Of Treating Him Violently.
He Thinks The Lord Threw Him To The Wicked**

JOB 16:11 "God hands me over to ruffians [evil men], And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.

He Broke Him Asunder And Dashed Him To Pieces

JOB 16:12 "I was at ease, but He shattered me, And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to pieces; He has also set me up as His target. God used him for target practice. (12b, 13a).

JOB 16:13 "His arrows surround me. Without mercy He splits my kidneys [vitals] open; He pours out my gall on the ground. He had cut up his inward parts. (13b).

JOB 16:14 "He breaks through me with breach after breach; He runs at me like a [powerful, undefeatable] warrior.

**Job Mourns In Sackcloth
His Horn [symbol of power] was in the dust, a defeated man.**

JOB 16:15 "I have sewed sackcloth over my skin, And thrust my horn in the dust. He is in a state of utter defeat.

Face Flushed From Weeping

JOB 16:16 "My face is flushed [red and swollen] from weeping, And deep darkness is on my eyelids, NASB "flushed" - KJV "foul" - RSV "red"

Job Maintains His Innocence

JOB 16:17 Although there is no violence in my hands, And my prayer is pure [not hypocritical, sincere].

1. Our prayers must be from the heart.
2. We should confess our sins and weaknesses.
3. We cannot hide our sins from God. (Prov. 15:3).

His Righteous Cause Will Not Be Buried In The Dust Of The Earth

JOB 16:18 "O earth, do not cover my blood, And let there be no resting place for my cry. The idea is that his cry never be laid to rest.

Argues God Is A Witness To His Innocence

JOB 16:19 "Even now, behold, my witness [God] is in heaven, And my advocate [God] is on high.

JOB 16:20 "My friends are my scoffers; My eye weeps to God.

He Wants Someone Who Would Advocate His Case To Both God And Man

JOB 16:21 "O that a man might plead with God As a man with his neighbor!

1. Job wanted a mediator between him and God.
2. Christians have a mediator with God. (1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Jn. 2:1).

Way Of No Return

JOB 16:22 "For when a few years are past, I shall go the way of no return. He speaks of death and the grave.

**JOB 17:1 "My spirit is broken, my days are extinguished, The grave is ready for me.
JOB 17:2 "Surely mockers are with me, And my eye gazes on their provocation.
JOB 17:3 "Lay down, now, a pledge for me with Thyself; Who is there that will be my guarantor?
JOB 17:4 "For Thou hast kept their heart from understanding; Therefore Thou wilt not exalt them.**

His Friends Have Acted Like One Who Would Denounce A Friend For Reward

**JOB 17:5 "He who informs against friends for a share of the spoil, The eyes of his children also shall languish.
JOB 17:6 "But He has made me a byword [object of ridicule] of the people, And I am one at whom men spit.
JOB 17:7 "My eye has also grown dim because of grief, And all my members are as a shadow [a great loss of weight].
JOB 17:8 "The upright shall be appalled at this, And the innocent shall stir up himself against the godless.
JOB 17:9 "Nevertheless the righteous shall hold to his way, And he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.**

No Wisdom Among His Friends

**JOB 17:10 "But come again all of you now, For I do not find a wise man among you.
JOB 17:11 "My days are past, my plans are torn apart, Even the wishes of my heart.
JOB 17:12 "They make night into day, saying, 'The light is near,' in the presence of darkness.**

Sheol

**JOB 17:13 "If I look for Sheol [death, grave] as my home, I make my bed in the darkness;
JOB 17:14 If I call to the pit,' You are my father'; To the worm,' my mother and my sister';
JOB 17:15 Where now is my hope? And who regards my hope? He has no hope and worms are his mother and father.
JOB 17:16 "Will it go down with me to Sheol [death, grave]? Shall we together go down into the dust?"**

Bildad's Second Speech

18:1-21

He Rebukes Job For His Attitude

18:1-4

**JOB 18:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite responded,
JOB 18:2 "How long will you hunt for words [new arguments]? Show understanding and then we can talk. Bildad is highly incensed at Job's response to Eliphaz.**

Not Beasts - Not Stupid

**JOB 18:3 "Why are we regarded [your friends] as beasts, As stupid in your eyes?
JOB 18:4 "O you who tear yourself in your anger-- For your sake is the earth to be abandoned, Or the rock to be moved from its place?**

Catalogues The Misfortunes Which Must Inevitably Fall To The Wicked

18:5-21

Seeks to Scare Job Into Repentance

**JOB 18:5 "Indeed, the light of the wicked goes out, And the flame of his fire gives no light.
JOB 18:6 "The light in his tent is darkened, And his lamp goes out above him.
JOB 18:7 "His vigorous stride is shortened, And his own scheme brings him down.**

Net

JOB 18:8 "For he is thrown into the net by his own feet, And he steps on the webbing. The wicked man will be caught in his own net.

Snare

JOB 18:9 "A snare seizes him by the heel, And a trap snaps shut on him.

Noose - Trap

JOB 18:10 "A noose for him is hidden in the ground, And a trap for him on the path.

His Whole Existence Will Be Of Terror

JOB 18:11 "All around terrors frighten him, And harry [dog] him at every step.

JOB 18:12 "His strength is famished, And calamity is ready at his side.

JOB 18:13 "His skin is devoured by disease, The first-born of death devours his limbs.

Death

JOB 18:14 "He is torn from the security of his tent, And they march him before the king of terrors.

1. Death is called "king of terrors."
2. Christ came to remedy this problem. (Heb. 2:14-16).

HEB 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

HEB 2:15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

HEB 2:16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

3. The Christian does not need to fear death. (1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-17).

JOB 18:15 "There dwells in his tent nothing of his; Brimstone is scattered on his habitation.

JOB 18:16 "His roots are dried below, And his branch is cut off above.

JOB 18:17 "Memory of him perishes from the earth, And he has no name abroad.

JOB 18:18 "He is driven from light into darkness, And chased from the inhabited world.

He Shall Have No Descendants

JOB 18:19 "He has no offspring or posterity among his people, Nor any survivor where he sojourned.

His Fate Discussed Everywhere

JOB 18:20 "Those in the west are appalled at his fate, And those in the east are seized with horror.

JOB 18:21 "Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, And this is the place of him who does not know God."

Job's Second Response To Bildad

19:1-39

Job Responds To Criticism

19:1-6

JOB 19:1 Then Job responded,

JOB 19:2 "How long will you [my so-called friends] torment me, And crush me with words?

JOB 19:3 "These ten [many, frequent] times you have insulted me, You are not ashamed to wrong me. "Ten" refers to 5

speeches of friends. “Ten” is likely to be taken in the sense of “many, frequent.”

JOB 19:4 "Even if I have truly erred, My error lodges with me.

JOB 19:5 "If indeed you vaunt yourselves against me, And prove my disgrace to me, It is my concern alone.

JOB 19:6 Know then that God has wronged me, And has closed His net around me. He falsely charges God.

He Cries Out Against God's Wrath

19:7-12

JOB 19:7 "Behold, I cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer; I shout for help, but there is no justice.

JOB 19:8 "He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass; And He has put darkness on my paths.

JOB 19:9 "He has stripped my honor from me, And removed the crown from my head.

1. It is not certain what is meant by the words “removed the crown from my head.”

2. Some speculate he might have been a king, but this is not clearly revealed.

JOB 19:10 "He breaks [tears] me down on every side, and I am gone; And He has uprooted my hope like a tree.

JOB 19:11 "He has also kindled His anger against me, And considered me as His enemy.

JOB 19:12 "His troops come together, And build up their way against me, And camp around my tent.

His Relatives And Friends Have Forsaken Him

19:13-22

JOB 19:13 "He has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances are completely estranged from me. He has been forsaken by his brothers and his friends.

JOB 19:14 "My relatives have failed, And my intimate friends have forgotten me. Others close ones had forsaken him.

JOB 19:15 "Those who live in my house and my maids consider me a stranger. I am a foreigner in their sight.

JOB 19:16 "I call to my servant, but he does not answer, I have to implore him with my mouth.

Wife And Brothers

JOB 19:17 "My breath is offensive to my wife, And I am loathsome to my own brothers. He is repulsive to his wife. He is loathsome to his own brothers.

Abhorred By Children And All His Associates

JOB 19:18 "Even young children despise me; I rise up and they speak against me.

JOB 19:19 "All my associates abhor me, And those I love have turned against me. Sad statement!

JOB 19:20 "My bone clings to my skin and my flesh, And I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.

Appeals For Mercy

Both God And His Friends Persecute Him

JOB 19:21 "Pity me, pity me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me.

JOB 19:22 "Why do you persecute me as God does, And are not satisfied with my flesh?

He Is Confident Through The Eyes Of Faith That Ultimately He Will See God

19:23-29

JOB 19:23 "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book [carved as a tablet of stone]!

JOB 19:24 "That with an iron stylus and lead They were engraved in the rock forever!

JOB 19:25 "And as for me, I know that my Redeemer [God] lives, And at the last He will take His stand on [over] the earth [dry earth, dust]. “Earth” is literally “dust” and could refer to “the earth” or Job’s dust.

²⁵But as for me I know that my Redeemer liveth, And at last he will stand up upon the earth: ASV

JOB 19:25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. NIV

JOB 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; NRSV

1. Job had earlier questioned this fact and even doubted it. (Job 14:14).
2. The word “goel” denotes a “redeemer” or “vindicator.” God would eventually vindicate him.
3. The words “stand on” are used in the sense of standing over based on the New Testament.
4. This is not any evidence Jesus will ever set foot on earth again, but believers will ascend to meet Him in the air. (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

JOB 19:26 "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

“in my flesh” - KJV

Job 19:26 And after my skin, *even* this *body*, is destroyed, Then without my flesh shall I see God; ASV

JOB 19:26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; NIV

JOB 19:26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, NRSV

1. The Hebrew preposition “min” can mean “from outside” or “without”.
2. After his death, he believed he would see God. It is not clear if Job expected a bodily resurrection or in his spirit he would see God.
3. One should keep in mind that the book of Job is inspired, but there is no evidence that Job or his three friends were inspired of God. They are expressing their personal feelings and understanding. Some of the things they uttered were true, but not inspired. Some of the things they uttered were absolutely false and certainly were not inspired of God.
4. Dan. 12:2; Psa. 44:15; Jno. 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:50-58.

JOB 19:27 Whom I myself shall behold, And whom my eyes shall see and not another. My heart faints within me.

JOB 19:28 "If you say, 'How shall we persecute him?' And 'What pretext for a case against him can we find?'

JOB 19:29 "Then be afraid of the sword for yourselves, For wrath brings the punishment of the sword, So that you may know there is judgment."

Zophar Second Speech

20:1-29

JOB 20:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,

JOB 20:2 "Therefore my disquieting thoughts make me respond, Even because of my inward agitation.

JOB 20:3 "I listened to the reproof which insults me, And the spirit of my understanding makes me answer.

JOB 20:4 "Do you know this from of old, From the establishment of man on earth, Refers to the time man was placed [created] on earth.

Sign That Job Was Wicked

JOB 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the godless momentary?

JOB 20:6 "Though his loftiness reaches the heavens, And his head touches the clouds,

JOB 20:7 He perishes forever like his refuse; Those who have seen him will say, ' Where is he?'

JOB 20:8 "He flies away like a dream, and they cannot find him; Even like a vision of the night he is chased away.

JOB 20:9 "The eye which saw him sees him no more, And his place no longer beholds him.

JOB 20:10 "His sons favor the poor, And his hands give back his wealth.

JOB 20:11 "His bones are full of his youthful vigor, But it lies down with him in the dust.

JOB 20:12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth, And he hides it under his tongue,

JOB 20:13 Though he desires it and will not let it go, But holds it in his mouth,

JOB 20:14 Yet his food in his stomach is changed To the venom of cobras within him.

JOB 20:15 "He swallows riches, But will vomit them up; God will expel them from his belly.

JOB 20:16 "He sucks the poison of cobras; The viper's tongue slays him.

JOB 20:17 "He does not look at the streams, The rivers flowing with honey and curds.

JOB 20:18 "He returns what he has attained And cannot swallow it; As to the riches of his trading, He cannot even enjoy them.

JOB 20:19 "For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor; He has seized a house which he has not built.

**JOB 20:20 "Because he knew no quiet within him He does not retain anything he desires.
 JOB 20:21 "Nothing remains for him to devour, Therefore his prosperity does not endure.
 JOB 20:22 "In the fulness of his plenty he will be cramped; The hand of everyone who suffers will come against him.
 JOB 20:23 "When he fills his belly, God will send His fierce anger on him And will rain it on him while he is eating.
 JOB 20:24 "He may flee from the iron weapon, But the bronze bow will pierce him.
 JOB 20:25 "It is drawn forth and comes out of his back, Even the glittering point from his gall. Terrors come upon him,
 JOB 20:26 Complete darkness is held in reserve for his treasures, And unfanned fire will devour him; It will consume the survivor in his tent.
 JOB 20:27 "The heavens will reveal his iniquity, And the earth will rise up against him.
 JOB 20:28 "The increase of his house will depart; His possessions will flow away in the day of His anger.
 JOB 20:29 "This is the wicked man's portion from God, Even the heritage decreed to him by God."**

Job's Sixth Reply 21:1-34

**JOB 21:1 Then Job answered,
 JOB 21:2 "Listen carefully to my speech, And let this be your way of consolation.
 JOB 21:3 "Bear with me that I may speak; Then after I have spoken, you may mock. He wants them to hear here first before they mock.
 JOB 21:4 "As for me, is my complaint to man? And why should I not be impatient?
 JOB 21:5 "Look at me, and be astonished, And put your hand over your mouth.
 JOB 21:6 "Even when I remember, I am disturbed, And horror takes hold of my flesh.**

Wicked Prosper

JOB 21:7 "Why do the wicked still live, Continue on, also become very powerful?

1. See Job 20:4, 5.
2. This is not always true. (Psa. 55:23).

PSA 55:23 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the pit of destruction; Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days. But I will trust in Thee.

**JOB 21:8 "Their descendants are established with them in their sight, And their offspring before their eyes,
 JOB 21:9 Their houses are safe from fear, Neither is the rod of God on them.
 JOB 21:10 "His ox mates without fail; His cow calves and does not abort.
 JOB 21:11 "They send forth their little ones like the flock, And their children skip about.
 JOB 21:12 "They sing to the timbrel and harp And rejoice at the sound of the flute.
 JOB 21:13 "They spend their days in prosperity, And suddenly they go down to Sheol.**

Words Of The Wicked

**JOB 21:14 "And they say to God, 'Depart from us! We do not even desire the knowledge of Thy ways.
 JOB 21:15 'Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him, And what would we gain if we entreat Him?' Exod. 5:3.
 JOB 21:16 "Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand; The counsel of the wicked is far from me.
 JOB 21:17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out, Or does their calamity fall on them? Does God apportion destruction in His anger?
 JOB 21:18 "Are they as straw before the wind, And like chaff which the storm carries away?**

Not Always So

JOB 21:19 "You say, 'God stores away a man's iniquity for his sons.' Let God repay him so that he may know it.

JOB 21:19 [It is said,]God stores up a man's punishment for his sons.' Let him repay the man himself, so that he will know it!
NIV

JOB 21:19 You say,' God stores up their iniquity for their children.' Let it be paid back to them, so that they may know it. NRSV

JOB 21:20 "Let his own eyes see his decay [destruction], And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

JOB 21:21 "For what does he care for his household after him, When the number of his months is cut off?

JOB 21:22 "Can anyone teach God knowledge, In that He judges those on high? No one can teach God.

JOB 21:23 "One dies in his full strength, Being wholly at ease and satisfied;

JOB 21:24 His sides are filled out with fat, And the marrow of his bones is moist,

JOB 21:25 While another dies with a bitter soul, Never even tasting anything good.

JOB 21:26 "Together they lie down in the dust, And worms cover them.

JOB 21:26 Side by side they lie in the dust, and worms cover them both. NIV

JOB 21:27 "Behold, I know your thoughts, And the plans by which you would wrong me.

JOB 21:28 "For you say, 'Where is the house of the nobleman, And where is the tent, the dwelling places of the wicked?'

JOB 21:29 "Have you not asked wayfaring men [men who travel this way], And do you not recognize their witness?

JOB 21:30 "For the wicked is reserved for the day of calamity; They will be led forth at the day of fury.

JOB 21:31 "Who will confront him with his actions, And who will repay him for what he has done?

JOB 21:32 "While he is carried to the grave, Men will keep watch over his tomb.

JOB 21:33 "The clods of the valley will gently cover him; Moreover, all men will follow after him, While countless ones go before him.

JOB 21:34 "How then will you vainly comfort me [with your nonsense], For your answers remain full of falsehood?"

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