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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 20_9 - Redeemer, Refiner, Sovereign God

Passage: Job 24-28

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

(Romans 15:4)

Bildad's Final Argument (Job 25)

- (vv. 1-3) **God's Power**
 - God's dominion is over all His creation. (Psalm 22:28; 66:7; 103:19)
 - God is **absolutely** sovereign. (See definition of sovereignty – Daniel 5:18-19)
 - God does whatever He pleases with the hosts of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. (Daniel 4:34-35; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Job 23:13; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24-27; Isaiah 46:10)
 - God's power and authority **ought** to instill **fear** (awe) (*A mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder inspired by authority, genius, great beauty, sublimity (high and lofty; majestic; high royalty), or might*) in **all**.
 - The number of His heavenly army: Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 5:11; Hebrews 12:22; Psalm 68:17; Matthew 26:53 (12 legions [6000-7000 soldiers]).
 - **WHO CAN RESIST GOD?** (Job 9:12; 11:10; 12:14; Numbers 23:20; Ecclesiastes 1:15; **3:14**; Romans 9:19; Acts 5:39)
- (vv. 4-6) **God's Justice**
 - GOD IS LIGHT and there is NO DARKNESS in Him. (1 John 1:5; James 1:17)
 - GOD is **absolutely** HOLY! (Isaiah 6:3; Exo 15:11; Rev. 4:6; 15:3-4)
 - Because God is **absolutely** HOLY **all** that He does is RIGHT and JUST. (Deuteronomy 32:4; Isaiah 30:18)

- **MAN**, on the other hand, is **born** a sinner. (Psalm 51:5)
 - Every person born into this world is born **unclean**.
 - Even our righteous acts are **filthy rags** in the sight of a HOLY, HOLY, HOLY God. (Isaiah 64:6; 57:12; Zechariah 3:3; Revelation 3:17-18)
- Bildad compares man to a **magot** and a **worm**. The Hebrew word for “worm” is תולע - same word in Isaiah 1:18; 41:14; Psalm 22:6

God’s Power (Job 26)

- (vv. 1-4) Job, again, tells his friends that they have been worthless in their “help”.
- (vv. 5-13) Job exalts God’s greatness:
 - (vv. 5-6) God sees the realm of the dead. If God can see the dead He certainly can see the realm of the living. (Hebrews 4:13)
 - (vv. 7-9) God’s power in the heavens.
 - (vv. 10-11) God’s power over the earth.
 - God controls the day and the night.
 - **HE** holds the earth in place.
 - “pillars of heaven” – poetic term for mountains. God has to speak and the mountains tremble. (Job 9:6)
 - (vv. 12-13) God’s power over the waters.
 - God stirs up the seas. (See Psalm 107:24-25; Jonah 1:4)
- (v. 14) **ALL OF THIS POWER IS ONLY THE “MERE EDGES” OF HIS WAYS!**
 - ★ We see only a very small fraction of God’s power in the universe!!

Job Questions God’s Justice (Job 27)

- (vv. 1-6) Job enters into an **OATH (VOW)** about his integrity.
 - Oaths are **SERIOUS** matters. “As God lives . . .” is an kind of oath where you are inviting God to kill you if you say anything untrue.
 - In the States witnesses put their hands on a Bible and swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth and end the oath with “so help me God!” indicating that they are making their statement with God as their witness.
- **Vow making in the Bible:**
 - ★ Deuteronomy 23:21-23; Leviticus 5:4-6; Ecclesiastes 5:4-6; Numbers 30:1-3; Galatians 6:7-8; Proverbs 20:25; Matthew 5:37 – Let your “Yes” be “Yes”.

- Job was so sure of his integrity and would not compromise for the sake of his friends or to get God to restore his losses as his friends suggested!
- (vv. 7-10) Job speaks a curse for enemies.
 - New Testament teaching about enemies (Matt. 5:38-48; Romans 12:17-21)
 - Vengeance belongs to GOD! (Deuteronomy 32:35, 41, 43; Psalm 94:1-3; Nahum 1:2-3; Romans 12:19; 13:4; Hebrews 10:30)
- (vv. 11-23) Job describes what God will do to his enemies.

Seeking Wisdom (Job 28)

- Job asks, “Where can one find wisdom?”
 - Definition: Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.
 - Many people **know** many things but are not **wise**.
 - Scripture answers Job’s question: Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13.
- **Job 28:1-11 – You cannot mine wisdom.**
 - Scripture uses precious stones as symbols for **wisdom**. (Prov. 2:1-10; 3:13-15; 8:10-12; 1 Cor 3:12-23)
 - Men put forward so much effort to get rich but will not put the **same or more** effort into gaining God’s wisdom!!
 - Silver, gold, and other precious stones will not benefit us when we die!
 - **MAN CANNOT FIND GOD’S WISDOM BY MERE HUMAN EFFORTS!**
- **Job 28:12-19 – You cannot buy wisdom.**
 - **All the gold and silver in the world cannot buy the wisdom God!**
 - Man does not understand the cost and the value of the wisdom of God.
 - Wisdom is more precious than rubies and all the things one might desire cannot compare to it.
 - Consider where earthly wisdom has gotten us!
- **Job 28:20-28 – True wisdom only comes from God.**
 - God sees and knows **all**. He controls the wind, rain, clouds, etc., etc.,.
 - God says to man, “The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.”
 - ★ This is how God described Job in Job 1:1, 8 and 2:3! ***Job was a wise man!***
 - ★ **WHAT IS “THE FEAR OF THE LORD”?**
 - Reverence and awe of who God is, what God says, and what God does. (See Malachi 2:5-6)

★ **WHEN YOU FEAR GOD YOU:**

- Obey His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- Walk (live) in His ways (Deuteronomy 8:6)
- Serve Him. (Joshua 24:14)
- Are loyal and give Him wholehearted service (2 Chon. 19:9)
- Will do great things! (Psalm 112)
- Will not fear man. (Matthew 10:26-31)

Getting Wisdom

- ❶ Fear of the LORD – reverence attitude of God. (Job 28:28)
 - Humility is a **must** in order to be wise. (Proverbs 11:2; James 3:13)
- ❷ Ask GOD for wisdom. (James 1:5)
- ❸ Make diligent use of God's means to gain wisdom. The wisdom of God is found in His reading and **doing** His word. (John 7:17; James 1:22; Matthew 7:21-23; 1 Peter 2:2)
 - Applying what we learn gives us discernment (wisdom). (Hebrews 5:12-14)
- ❹ Grow in knowledge and wisdom. (2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:10)