

# An Overview of Job

## Part 8

### I. Introduction

- a. One would think that Job's friends would have given up by now
  - i. You'd think anybody with a heart would have (at best) spoken their peace and left him alone
    - 1. But, they keep grinding the knife deeper and deeper!
      - a. We find more of the same in today's lesson

### II. Commentary

#### a. Job, Chapter 18

- i. Bildad basically says he is finished talking to Job until he quits talking without understanding (**vs. 2**)
  - 1. You can almost feel the frustration of Bildad here
- ii. Bildad accuses Job of thinking too highly of himself (**vss. 3-4**)
  - 1. But, this is not the case
    - a. Just because a person disagrees with you doesn't mean that they are doubting your intelligence
      - i. Job had merely spoken the truth
      - ii. We have a tendency to react as Bildad sometimes
- iii. The remainder of his speech is more of the same rhetoric that the friends have been preaching
  - 1. He believes that all suffering (Job's included) is the result of some sin (**vss. 5-21**)
    - a. None of the friends seem to be able to get past this
    - b. As has been stated, we know this is not true because of God's declaration of Job in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

#### b. Job, Chapter 19

- i. Job seems quite frustrated that his friends have continued to chide him as they have (**vss. 1-5**)
- ii. Job continues to believe that it is God that has brought these afflictions on him (**vss. 6-20**)

1. He even seems to think that somehow God has treated him unfairly
  - a. It seems this is what God will correct him for at the end of the book
2. He believes God's hand has even caused Job's friends and family to turn against him (vss. 13-19)
- iii. Job begs his friends to quit heaping more pain on him with their words (vss. 21-22)
- iv. Job's desire is for his life to be open so that all could see that some secret sin had not brought on his suffering (vss. 23-24)
- v. Job still retains great faith, despite some misunderstanding (vss. 25-27)
  1. He has trust in a Redeemer
    - a. This alone should put to rest the idea that Old Testament saints were saved in a way different to us
    - b. He believes this Redeemer was alive in his day
      - i. This declares that God Himself is the Redeemer
    - c. Job believed that this Redeemer would erase his sins
      - i. Obviously, this means the Redeemer would have to pay the penalty of Job's sins through death
    - d. Job believed this Redeemer would reign "*at last on the earth*"
      - i. This means that Job understood that the Messiah would be resurrected after paying his debt
        1. How exactly Job knew this, we cannot be sure
        2. How clearly he understood this, we cannot be sure
    - e. Job believed he would be resurrected as a result of the work of the Redeemer
      - i. We cannot be sure how the Sadducees dealt with such a passage
      - ii. Job clearly saw the work of Christ as a complete work
    - f. Job had a great desire for the end to come when all things would be made new
      - i. To this we say, "*Come Lord Jesus*" (**Revelation 22:20**)
- vi. Job warns his friends of judging him wrongly (vss. 28-29)