

COMMENTARY

BOOK OF JOB:

Chapters 23-24:

This is Job's eighth speech and here he protests his righteousness. He looks at what is going on and feels that life is not fair. Those who are doing evil, he feels, are getting away with it and are not having to pay for their sin.

Chapter 25:

Bildad speaks for the last time. He simply repeats what has already been said. It appears that Job's friends have no further thoughts than man is sinful, and are worthy to be punished.

Chapter 26:

This begins Job's last speech. The universe is mentioned as being a glimpse of the power of God, yet nobody can fully comprehend and understand the vastness of God's power, in its fulness.

Chapter 27:

Job maintains his plea of innocence and will not perjure himself.

Chapter 28:

Job turns again to wisdom and questions how simple man can comprehend and understand the ways of God. Job feels that only God is the source of wisdom and that man can only obtain such wisdom by serving God and turning from sin.

Chapter 29:

In this chapter, Job continues his speech. He looks back on the life he knew. He reflects on the prosperity, happiness, honor, respect and past successes.

Chapter 30:

Job turns back to the present and the bitter suffering with which he is faced. He states his outcast position, rejected by all and in constant torment by the pain that is being inflicted upon his body.

Chapter 31:

Here, Job specifically states his innocence in a number of areas. He had avoided immorality (vs. 1), has been fair to his workers (vs. 13), provided for those in need (vs. 16), not obsessed with money (vs. 24), had not turned to idols (vs. 26,27), had been hospitable (vs. 32), had no secret sins (vs. 33); spoke his mind regardless of the consequences (vs. 34). He is willing to confront and testify to all this before God.

Chapter 32:

Elihu now enters the scene. He sees 3 older men silenced and feels that he must have wisdom that they know nothing of. He is anxious to have his say.

Chapter 33:

Elihu states that even though Job has stated his innocence, God will not answer him (vs. 13). Elihu feels that God only would speak to man through dreams and suffering, so that man might be warned and save themselves from destruction.

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Chapters 23-33 (include chapter and verse, in your answers)

1. What did Job say he would do, if he could go to the dwelling of God?
2. What did Job say he had done with the words and commands of God?
3. What does Job say that men do, which is wrong in 24:2-4?
4. Even though many are suffering, because of the wicked, who does Job say, God charges with wrongdoing?
5. What does God do with the mighty, by His power?
6. What 2 things, does Bildad say, belongs to God, who established order in the heights of heaven?
7. In Job's discourse in 26:1-13; what does Job then say that all these things are?
8. What did Job feel, God had denied him?
9. What did Job say he would maintain and never let go of?
10. What is the fate of the ruthless man's children and survivors, according to Job?
11. What does man not comprehend the worth of, which can't be found in the land of the living?
12. What does God tell man, wisdom and understanding is?
13. What did Job long for?
14. What did Job say was his clothing, his robe & turban?
15. What did people not hesitate to do, in Job's face?
16. What of Job's never rested?

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Chapters 23-33 contd.

17. What came when Job hoped for good and looked for light?
18. What was Job's skin and body doing?
19. What had Job not walked in or his foot hurried after?
20. What did Job fear and dread, that kept him from doing evil?
21. Why did Elihu become very angry with Job?
22. What does Elihu say the 3 friends had failed to do?
23. Where did Elihu claim his words and lips which sincerely spoke, come from?
24. Who is God greater than?
25. Why does God speak to men in their ears?
26. What did Elihu say, an angel must find for a man who has sinned, before that man could be restored by God?

BONUS:

1. How would you have answered and counseled Job at this point?
2. What did people in those days, think of God?
3. Is it fair that the righteous and unrighteous, seem to lead similar lives here on this earth? Explain.