

The Book of Job

Lesson 7 Retributive Punishment

Job 8:1–22, Job 11:1–20, Isa 40:12–14, Gen 6:5–8, 2 Pet 3:5–7.

Job 11:7, (NKJV) “‘Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?’”.

Eliphaz the Temanite “The endeavor or strength of God”

Genesis 36:11 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. **He is a son of Esau**

Genesis 4:17 (NKJV) And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. (Terah named Haran after his son).

Obadiah 9 (NKJV) Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau May be cut off...

Bildad “son of contention” **the Shuhite** ; **Genesis 25:1–2** (NKJV) Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ² And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

Genesis 25:6 (NKJV) But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

Zophar “to leap” **the Naamathite**;

Joshua 15:21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom. Vs **41** Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages;

More Accusations Bildad

Job 8:1–4 (NKJV) Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: ²“How long will you speak these things, And the words of your mouth be like a strong wind? ³Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice? ⁴If your sons have sinned against Him, He has cast them away for their transgression.

Job 8:5–9 (NKJV) ⁵ If you would earnestly seek God And make your supplication to the Almighty, ⁶ If you were pure and upright, Surely now He would awake for you, And prosper your rightful dwelling place. ⁷ Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would increase abundantly. ⁸ “For inquire, please, of the former age, And consider the things discovered by their fathers; ⁹ For we were born yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow.

***James 4:14** (NKJV) whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Job 8:10-22 Will they not teach you and tell you, And utter words from their heart? ¹¹ “Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh? Can the reeds flourish without water? ¹² While it is yet green and not cut down, It withers before any other plant. ¹³ So are the paths of all who forget God; And the hope of the hypocrite shall perish, ¹⁴ Whose confidence shall be cut off, And whose trust is a spider’s web. ¹⁵ He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not endure. ¹⁶He grows green in the sun, And his branches spread out in his garden. ¹⁷ His roots wrap around the rock heap, And look for a place in the stones. ¹⁸ If he is destroyed from his place, Then it will deny him, saying, ‘I have not seen you.’ ¹⁹ “Behold, this is the joy of His way, And out of the earth others will grow. ²⁰ Behold, God will not cast away the blameless, Nor will He uphold the evildoers. ²¹ He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing. ²² Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing.”

***Ecclesiastes 8:12–13** (NKJV) Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Less Than Your Iniquity Deserves

Job 11:4–6 (NKJV) For you have said, ‘My doctrine is pure, And I am clean in your eyes.’ ⁵ But oh, that God would speak, And open His lips against you, ⁶ That He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For they would double your prudence. Know therefore that God exacts from you Less than your iniquity deserves.

2 Samuel 12:5–7 (NKJV) So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! ...Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!... Vs **13** So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

***Psalm 130:3–4** (NKJV) If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Job 11:7–9 (NKJV) “Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?⁸ They are higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know?⁹ Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

Isaiah 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 40:12–14 (NKJV) Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has taught Him?¹⁴ With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

Luke 13:1–5 (NKJV) There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Divine Retribution

Genesis 6:5–8 (NKJV) Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:5–7 (NKJV) For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Genesis 13:13 (NKJV) But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

If the Lord Creates a New Thing

Korah’s Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron Numbers 16:1–33

Numbers 16:1–3 (NKJV) Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men;² and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown.³ They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?”

Deuteronomy 4:40 Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”

***Deuteronomy 5:29** (NKJV) Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Deuteronomy 6:24–25 (NKJV) And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him. [FLB 64].

Psalms 19:7–11 (NKJV) The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

The Second Death

Revelation 20:14–15 (NKJV) Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Jeremiah 8:20 (NKJV) “The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved!”