

Job #21 – (Chapter 24)

I. We will Start by Looking at Verse 1

- A. Verse 1 speaks about the “times” of God – probably judgment
 - 1. Scripture teaches us some times are only known to God
 - a. Matthew 24:36; Acts 1:6, 7; Matthew 24:1-3; I Thess. 5:1, 2
 - 2. All times are in the hands of God – Psalm 31:15
- B. Main question-Why aren't God's judgments seen when they're needed?
 - 1. Day of Lord in scripture is judgment – Is. 2:12; 13:6; Joel 2:11
 - 2. If God's judgments not seen—doesn't mean they're not happening
 - a. Hard for people to admit things are God's judgments
 - b. Ecc. 8:12; Deut. 7:9, 10; My be delayed - Romans 9:22
 - c. Worst judgment can be allowing continuing in sin-Rom. 1:24-28
- C. Job also speaks in verse 1 of those who “know God” - Believers
 - 1. Jeremiah 10:25; 9:23, 24; John 17:3; Psalm 9:10
 - 2. Even those who know God, are able to know Him better
 - a. Psalm 25:14; Isaiah 58:2; Daniel 11:32
 - 3. Those who know Him best will know His judgments – Gen. 18:17-19

II. Let Us Look at the Sins Mentioned in Rest of Chapter

- A. Even though Job is written during patriarchs- God's law is known
 - 1. Clear references to Commandments 6-10- Vs. 2,14, 15, 25
- B. First of all we can look at sin of stealing – Verses 2 – 9
 - 1. First they are those who remove landmarks – property lines
 - a. Shows that God is not against the owning of personal property
 - 1. I Corinthians 16:1, 2; Acts 20:33, 34 – Acts 5:4
 - b. This is common sin- Deut. 19:14; 27:17; Prov. 23:10; Hosea 5:10
 - 2. Seize flocks and pasture them- Either feed flocks or feed off them
 - a. Openly show they prosper from sin- Is. 3:14; I Kings 21:15, 16
 - 3. Verse 3 says they are willing to sin even for the smallest reward
 - a. The smaller the thing we sin over, the greater the sin-Amos 2:6
 - b. Always wrong to steal, but it is worse to steal from poor-Jm. 1:27
 - 4. Verse 5 compares those who do this to beasts – Psalm 49:20
 - 5. V. 6 may be saying wicked go about wickedness like going to work
 - a. Micah 2:1, 2; Jer. 9:5 – Wicked will also oppress other wicked
- C. Verse 14 mentions the sin of murder- the sixth commandment
 - 1. Arises before light- and will even kill those by whom he gains nothing
 - 2. Murder is perhaps highest sin on the second table- penalty is death
 - a. Gen. 9:5, 6; Murderer guilty of two murders- victim and himself
 - 3. Murder also destroys the peace of society- Num. 35:30- 34
 - 4. Murder destroys God's image (Gen. 9:6) and affects many others
 - a. Affects ones dependant upon victim & take something irreplaceable
- D. Verse 15 mentions the sin of Adultery- Sin in the darkness

III. This Chapter refers to Relationship of Sinner to the Light

- A. Verse 13 says they are those who rebel against the light
 - 1. Against natural light- Rom. 2:14, 15 or spiritual light – The Word
 - 2. Or Sin against God Himself who is Light-Rom. 8:7, 8; Jn. 3:20
- B. Vs. 16, 17- Don't know the light- walk in darkness- I John 2:11