

Job #22 – (Chapter 26)

Job and his friends obey Deut. 32:3- they all try to outdo each other in this

I. We will Start by Looking at Verses 1- 4

- A. V. 2- Some think Job referring to friends, some to God, some to Job
 - 1. If God Could be - "Who are you helping? He who has no strength?"
- B. V. 3- "If all you said is correct –what have you added to my knowledge?"
 - 1. Learn to speak truth gently- not as false shepherds - Ezekiel 34:2 – 4
 - 2. Must plentifully speak sound wisdom –Acts 20:20, 27; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17
- C. V. 4 – Job indicating Bildad hasn't considered his audience- John 16:12
 - 1. Different people may need different approach- depending on maturity
 - a. I John 2:12–14; I Corinthians 9:21-23
 - 2. "Whose Spirit"? Careful what Spirit we speak in– Luke 9:54, 55

II. Then Let us Look at Verses 5- 12 -Theme of God's Greatness

- A. This was also the theme of Bildad's speech (Job 25:2 – 6)
 - B. V. 5- translated variously – The departed, or inanimate things-Ps. 88:10
 - 1. One way – Rephaim groan under waters- Like flood – Gen. 6:4
 - 2. Most likely refers to realm of dead- Isaiah 14:9
 - a. Job goes beyond Bildad's statement of God's providence on earth
 - 3. "Inhabitants of water" speaks of God's greatness in sea's abundance
 - a. Gen. 1:20, 22; Gen. 48:16 with Numbers 26:34, 27; Ps. 104:25
 - C. V. 6 is one verse that is pretty uniformly translated- Proverbs 15:11
 - 1. Hell (Sheol) understood three ways – 1) Lower parts of earth 2) Grave – Ps. 16:10 3) Place of torment- Ps. 139:8; Rev. 14:10
 - 2. Hell & destruction used together –Prov. 27:20; Rev. 9:11; Ps. 88:11
 - 3. Hell is destruction and place of no escape- Hebrews 2:3
 - D. V. 7- Stretched out north- Probably heavens – Is. 44:24
 - 1. Stretched over nothing- Perhaps to Gen. 1:1, 2 – "Void"
 - 2. God hangs the earth upon nothing- How God works by means:
 - a. By improbable means – Hos. 1:7; Above means – Rom 4:19 –21
 - b. Against means – 2 Kn. 6:5, 6; Dan. 3:25; I Cor. 1:27, 28;
 - c. Without means – Heb. 11:3
 - 3. Same power that created earth sustains it- Heb. 1:1, 2; Col. 1:17
 - E. V. 8 – Binds up Thick clouds–Prov. 30:4; His clouds–He made- Gen. 1:7
 - 1. He rides on them–Ps. 104:3; Is. 19:1-dwells in them-Ps. 18:11; 97:1,2
 - 2. Not split open-God controls rains-Gn. 7:11; Am. 4:7; Is. 5:6; Zec.10:1
 - F. V. 9-Covers face of "throne" or "full moon"–both emphasize God's power
 - 1. God's throne is hidden -Ps. 97:2; Ps. 18:11; I Tim. 6:16
 - G. V.12 – God has power over sea- Either to calm or to churn (NIV, ESV)
 - 1. This is great demonstration of God's power – Psalm 93:3, 4
 - H. V. 13- God's power created inhabitants of heavens- stars, planets
 - 1. Reference to "Crooked serpent" seems to refer to constellation
- Conclusion:** Compare New Testament Story – Matthew 14:22 – 32
- A. By Christ's power over the sea shows that He is God (Mark 4:39-41)
 - B. Sea is used in scripture as allegory for man – Isaiah 57:20
 - 1. God has same power over heart of man as over sea – Prov. 21:1
 - C. V. 14 – God's power is beyond our comprehension – Eph. 3:20