

Job #26 (31:13- 40) – The “Social Gospel”

I. Let us Look at Verses 13 - 15

- A. Earlier Job acquitted himself as father/husband-now as master(v. 13, 14)
 - 1. Job had not “rejected” “despised” his servant’s complaints
 - a. this is a strong and frequent temptation to those in superior position
 - b. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the great example of how to treat inferiors
 - 1. Philippians 2:6-8; John 4- The Samaritan woman at the well
 - c. “Not rejecting” is figure of speech-Meiosis–Saying lesser for greater
 - 1. Example in Philemon 11- Onesimus far more than “unprofitable”
 - 2. Whether complaints were justified or not- Job heard them –Lev. 19:15
 - a. Because Job was fallen man- probably some were justified
- B. V. 14 –One reason Job did this is because he knew he had a Master
 - 1. Colossian 4:1; Ephesians 6:9; Ecclesiastes 5:8
 - 2. Knows one day he must give an account- 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - a. God notes affliction and who has done it- Ex. 3:7; Deut. 24:14, 15
- C. V. 15 – Job knows same hand the created him, created servants
 - 1. All men equal in sense of being created by same God - Proverbs 22:2
 - 2. All men equal in sense of having to stand in judgment- Rev. 20:11, 12
 - 3. There is an equality in grace, in those in Christ – Galatians 3:26-29
 - 4. But we know as we see here that there still must be government
 - a. But even inferior can be given more honor at times-I Cor. 12:22-25

II. Let us Look at Verses 16 - 21

- A. Job speaks here of the “social gospel” or “works of mercy”
- B. One group that God asks believers to remember is the poor – V. 16
 - 1. Galatians 2:9, 10; Lev. 19:9, 10; Deuteronomy 15:11; I John 3:17
- C. A 2nd group that we are commanded to remember is the widows-V. 16
 - 1. James 1:27; Exodus 22:22 – 24; Isaiah 1:17; I Timothy 5:3
- D. A 3rd group that we are commanded to remember is the fatherless–v. 17
 - 1. James 1:27; Exodus 22:22; Malachi 3:5
- E. Job does same things for these groups as sheep do in Matt. 25:33-46
- F. V. 16- When poor asked for something- Job gave them it- Matt. 5:41, 42
 - 1. Scripture commands us to do this or else judgment- Prov. 3:27; 21:13
- G. V. 16- He met the expectation of widow- (Contrary to Job 22:9) Is. 1:23
 - 1. Implies here that he also met need speedily- Prov. 3:28
- H. V. 17- Fed hungry- particularly the fatherless–Unlike rich man- Lu. 16:21
 - 1. Contradicts Eliphaz’s charge again – give in 22:7 – Note Rom. 12:20
 - 2. Christians are commanded to be hospitable- Heb. 13:2; Rom. 12:13
 - a. Elders are especially to be this way- I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8
 - b. When we do this to those are needy there is reward- Lu. 14:12-14
- I. V. 18- He had even been a father to those who were fatherless
 - 1. “From my mother’s womb” – We should instill these values in children
 - a. This phrase also indicates these are qualities given to us by God
- J. V. 19 & 20 – Job clothed those who were naked or destitute
- K. We must not neglect our great commission of preaching the gospel
 - 1. Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 9:16- But this is part of it – Is. 58:6-9
- L. Job is type of Lord Jesus is great example for us – Luke 7:22