

Job #10 (Job 9:1 – 10)

2 themes – God’s attributes- and how man can be just before God

I. Job Gives a Greater Acknowledgement of God’s Righteousness

- A. Eliphaz (4:17) and Bildad (8:3) have both called God righteous
 - 1. They affirm God is righteous because He punishes the wicked
 - 2. Job says God is righteous no matter who He does or doesn’t afflict
 - a. No matter who suffers- or what happens to us- God is righteous
 - 3. Paul concludes this in regards to God’s election (Rom. 9:14-21)
- B. Recognizing God’s greatness makes problem of being just greater
 - 1. 9:2-Question has different answers depending on definition
 - a. If by inherent righteousness- the answer is we can’t be just
 - b. But if by imputed righteousness then there is way (Rom 3:21, 22)
- C. Must be willing to acknowledge God’s righteousness even under rod
 - 1. Job acknowledges this truth under the greatest duress
 - 2. So he knows he cannot be just by his works- Rom. 3:20; Ps. 143:2

II. Job Extols God’s Wisdom and God’s Power

- A. Verse 4- All contentions either won by greater wisdom or greater power
 - 1. So who dares enter into contention with God (v. 3 with I Cor. 10:22)
- B. Verse 3- “One of a thousand” is understood in various ways
 - 1. One Thousand in Bible represents a great number
 - 2. If we could defend 999 out of 1000 charges we are still guilty
 - 3. Or God could have 1000 charges against us we cannot answer
 - 4. Or not even greatest man of 1000 could contend with God
 - 5. Or God could ask 1000 questions we could not give answer to
 - 6. Because of Majesty we can’t answer even if we had 1000 answers
- C. Job then uses a number of expressions to show God’s power
 - 1. Perhaps historical events – Perhaps theoretical or metaphorical
- D. Verse 5 – Mountains in scripture used as that which is powerful to man
 - 1. Judges 5:5; Isaiah 40:12; Jeremiah 4:24 (perhaps earthquake)
- E. Verse 6 – God shakes the earth out of place and pillars tremble
 - 1. Job knows the earth doesn’t rest on literal pillars – (Job 26:7)
- F. Verse 7 – God commands sun- Different examples in scripture
 - 1. Gen. 1 (Creation) Josh. 10:12-14; Isaiah 38:7, 8; Exodus 10:21-23
 - 2. Also God seals up the stars - Hides them from our view
- G. V. 8 – Spreads out the heavens and walks on waves
 - 1. This was one sign Jesus did to prove He was God (Matt. 14:25)
- H. V. 9 – He puts the constellations in place –V. 10 sums up God’s power

III. Because of These Things It is Foolish for us to Harden Ourselves

- A. Bible exhorts us to always beware of doing this (Heb. 3:7,8,12,13)
- B. Verse 4- No one doing this has prospered (Pharoah, Sennacharib)
- C. Steps in hardening our hearts to sin (Proverbs 29:1)
 - 1. Taking time to meditate upon sin. 2. Taking delight in sin
 - 3. Allowing sin to become habit 4. Defending our sin
 - 5. Anger against those who warn us 6. Don’t listen to God’s word
- D. Evidences of hardening: 1) Resolving to sin 2) Speaking against God
 - 3) Displeased with what God does 4) Not giving God His glory