

## The Book of Job #8 - Chapters 6 & 7

A New Year's Message from Job Chapter 7

### I. Job Speaks About Time in the Opening Verses of Chapter 7

- A. In these opening verses Job agreeing with Eliphaz from 5:7
  - 1. Even Christians will have troubles – John 16:33; Acts 14:22
- B. Verse 1- “Appointed Time” – other versions say “warfare”
  - 1. Word used in common phrase “Lord of **Hosts**” (Job 14:14)
  - 2. Idea is that of a soldier's term in the army –waits for it to be up
  - 3. We all have a certain appointed time on this earth – Job 14:5
    - a. Can't believe it is in our power –Is. 56:12; Lu. 12:19, 20; Mt 6:27
    - b. God can intervene when we think life is over – Ps. 31:13 – 15
- C. Job gives us different pictures of what our tenure of life is
  - 1. Verse 1 – It is a warfare – 2 Tim. 2:4 (Greek translates “Temptation”)
    - a. Ephesians 6:12-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3, 4; Romans 7:23
  - 2. Verse 2 – It is a servitude – Romans 1:1; Luke 17:10
    - a. Therefore we should labor – 2 Thess. 3:10-12; learn to serve
    - b. Also not to count service as weariness – Mal. 1:13; Gal. 6:9, 10
- D. Job makes some allusions here to the swiftness of life (vs. 6, 7, 9)
  - 1. V. 6- Like weaver's shuttle – Swiftly moving back and forth
    - a. Or could be referring to thread which is quickly being used up
  - 2. V. 7- Like breath – Even at 100-150 years – Ps. 78:39; James 4:14
  - 3. V. 9 – Like a cloud- Expend all its rain and then is gone
  - 4. Our response to this is Ps. 90:10-12 – Teach us to number our days

### II. Job Speaks About How God Providentially Deals With Us in Time

- A. Verses 3- 5 -His life which had gone so well – was now greatly changing
  - 1. During day he longs for night- and during night he longs for day
    - a. Ps. 127:2 not true at this time-doesn't mean he's not beloved
  - 2. Verse 14- He is terrified by dreams at night- as we can be
- B. Verse 3- “Months of Vanity” or “Months of Misery” or “Empty Moons”
  - 1. Must not make mistake of thinking times of trial are without purpose
    - a. Ecclesiastes 1:2 with 3:1; Psalm 39:5; Psalm 78:32, 33
    - b. If we believe God's word – our life always has purpose- Phil 4:13
      - 1. 1 Corinthians 15:58; Romans 8;28
- C. Job in these verses is desiring that death would come upon him
  - 1. There is a correct way of this – Phil. 1:20 – 23; Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:4
- D. God's providence is not always clear in things that happen
  - 1. Job missed the point in all his sufferings (verses 15 – 21)
    - a. He must have been extraordinary individual to receive this trial
    - b. Realizing this would have brought joy to him – James 1:2, 3
  - 2. Realize whatever happens this year – God's dealings have purpose
    - a. To the wicked –great troubles come to bring them to God- Is. 55:7
    - b. To the righteous-Troubles help us long for eternity- 2 Cor. 4:17,18

### Conclusion: Job makes mistake in not seeing the end of the trial

- A. Job 42:15 – 17; Hebrews 12:1, 2; I Peter 1:7, 9
- B.. Verse 1- There is appointed time here-but not appointed time in heaven
  - 1. Mark 10:29, 30; Jn. 10:28; 17:2; Rom.2:7; 6:23; Titus 1:2; I Jn. 2:25