

The Book of Job #4

I. First We Will Look at Verses 1 - 5

- A. Chapter begins with word “again” – repeat of what we had in chapter 1
 - 1. Similar to Revelation (Revelation 9:12) and Ezekiel (8:6, 13, 15)
- B. Don't know how much time elapses between chapters 1 and 2
 - 1. Doesn't appear long time- Were Heavenly session meetings weekly?
 - a. Similar to the leaving of Jesus for a season (Luke 4:13)
- C. Verse 3 is basically same testimony God gave in 1:8 – but adds 1 thing
 - 1. Job “holds fast” integrity – lost goods but gained estimation in heaven
 - 2. Satan's aim not to destroy Job's earthly goods, but his faith- Jn. 10:10
 - 3. “Thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause”
 - a. Sounds like God is being forced to do something by Satan
 - b. Same idea we have behind the concept of Christians prayers
 - 1. Neither change God's eternal changeless purpose–Eph. 1:5, 11
 - c. Can even learn something about prayer from Satan - argues
 - 1. Not just request, but arguments (Gen. 18:24, 25) (Isaiah 1:18)
- D. Verse 4- Satan seems to use a proverbial expression- “Skin for Skin”
 - 1. Idea is that man will give anything to save life – Genesis 25:32 –34
 - 2. That way of thinking is way of destruction-(Matt.16:25; Heb 12:17)
- E. Verse 5 – Satan makes a motion in business meeting- let him touch Job
 - 1. We again learn something from Satan – We learn to be diligent
 - a. 2 Cor. 2:11 – Satan has many devices; Matt. 4:1-11; Ecc. 11:6
 - b. Satan will not give up on his assault on us – I Peter 5:8; Eph. 6:16
 - 2. We need to be as diligent in our requests of God – James 5:16-18

II. Then We Will Look at Verses 6 - 8

- A. God allows Satan to go after Job's body, but to spare his life
- B. We might question whether Satan would want to kill Job
 - 1. Everything he came up with failed – so would want to kill him
 - 2. Also concerned with the effect of Job's example on generation
 - a. He could have begun lie about Job renouncing God
- C. Verse 7- Satan's cruelty seen – Job's whole body afflicted with boils
 - 1. Same affliction as came upon Egyptian – Exodus 9:11
- D. We see from this that the life and death of Christian in God's hands
 - 1. Daniel 5:23; Psalm 68:20 – Only God can set that time
- E. We have seen that in having much and losing it – Job is type of Adam
 - 1. But is also a type of the Lord – Phillipians 2:5 – 8 (Humiliation)
 - 2. Verse 7 - Like Job, Christ is smitten from feet to head
 - 3. But type is not perfect in that God put one restriction for Job
 - a. Isaiah 53:10- This restriction Father did not put on for Christ

III. And Finally Verses 9 - 13

- A. In light of chapter 1 – interesting to note Job's wife still alive
 - 1. Different ideas- (Job 1:12 with Gen. 2:23, 24)
- B. But perhaps she is left alive so Job persecuted by closest to him
 - 1. Zechariah 13:6; Psalm 55:12, 13
- C. Many Christians might say verse 10 is theologically incorrect
 - 1. But Job is correct! (as is Satan v. 5) God is absolutely sovereign