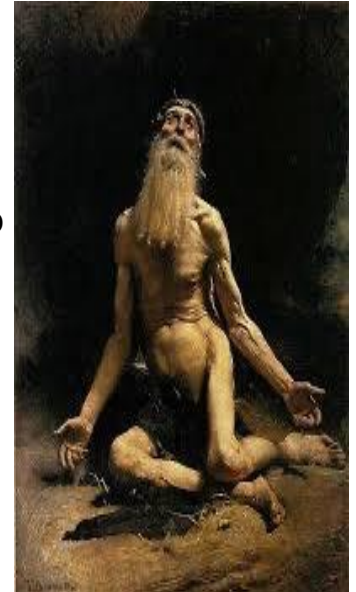


Part 14 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
The Court Case of Job vs God

Job 9:1-35

The erroneous principle of retribution,

It promotes, that God ALWAYS gives great outcomes to the GOOD and Godly in life, and the evil, they ALWAYS get really bad outcomes in their lives, because they are the ungodly.



Job 9:32 "For He is not a man as I am that I may **answer** Him,

That we may go to court together.

Job 9:2 In truth I know that this is so;
But how can a man be in the **right before God?**

Could read, or **"just" before God.**

Again, it is a legal term, remember hoe the word JUSTICE.

Job 9:3 "If one wished to **dispute** with Him,
He could not **answer** Him once in a thousand times.

Both "dispute" and answer" are technical legal term that are used in a lawsuit.

Listen to the ways the term dispute is used in other places:

argue (2), complain (2), **contend (22), contended (9), contends (1), dispute (1),** ever strive (1), **filed (1)**, find fault (1), have a quarrel (1), **judge (1), plead (9),** plead my case (1), plead your case (1), **pleaded (2), pleads (1),** quarrel (2), quarreled (3), quarrels (1), reprimanded (2), strive (1), **vigorously plead (1).**

Job 9:3, 14, 15 and 32 the term "answer" is used, and it is used in a legal way here.

*accuse (1), **accused (1), agrees to make (1), answer (94), answer* (1), answered (102),*** answering (1), answers (5), bear (2), **bear witness (1), bears (1), bears witness (1),** brought to answer (1), brought to give (1), continued (2), declare* (1), get...answer (1), give a answer (1), **give an account (1), give him an answer (1), giving (1), go (1), grant them their petition (1),** hailed (1), have (1), replied (29), replied* (1), respond (6), responded (3), responded* (7), said (1), said* (2), spoke (3), tell (1), **testified (1), testifies (3), testify (5), testimony (1), unanswered* (1), witnessed (1).**

Job 9:14 How then can I **answer** Him, and choose my words before Him?

Answer can be translated "**plead my case**", check out the cross reference in your Olive Tree, it says that exact term.

It has the meaning of convincingly presenting your case in court.

Job 9:15 I could not answer;

I would have to implore **the mercy of my judge.**

answer is that legal term again, it again can be translated "**plead my case**",

Job 9:19. 20 and 21

Job 9:19 "If it is a matter of power, behold, He is the strong one!

And **if it is a matter of justice, who can summon Him?**

Job 9:20 "Though I am righteous, **my mouth will condemn me;**

Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.

Job 9:28 I am afraid of all my pains,

I know that You will not **acquit me.**

acquit (3), acquitted (2), avenge (1), avenged (1), blameless (1), by means clear (1), completely acquitted (1), completely free (1), completely free from punishment (1), deserted (1), free (4), free from punishment (1), go unpunished (8), immune (1), innocent (1), leave unpunished (2), means leave (4), by means leave unpunished (2), by means leave unpunished (2), purged (2), unpunished (1), without guilt (1).

Job 9:33 "There is no **umpire** between us,

Who may lay his hand upon us both.

adjudicates (1), appointed (2), argue (3), **argument prove (1)**, chastened (1), **cleared (1)**, complained (1), correct (2), decide (3), dispute (1), **make a decision (1)**, offer reproof (1), plead (1), prove (1), reason (2), rebuke (6), rebukes (2), refuted (1), **render decisions (2)**, **rendered judgment (1)**, reprove (9), reproved (2), reprover (1), reproves (7), surely reprove (2), umpire (1).

Job 10:2 uses it again:

Job 10:2 "I will say to God, '**Do not condemn me;**
Let me know why You **contend** with me.

Contend can again be translated: "plead my case"

Job 9 Then Job **answered,**

² "In truth I know **that THIS** is so;

But how can a man be in the right before God?

Job could also be agreeing with 8:3 as well:

Job 8:3 "Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert what is right?"

Remember, Eliphaz rhetorical questions in 4:17:

Job 4:17 'Can mankind be just before God?

Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Job 1:8 *The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there **is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.**"*

³ **"If one wished to dispute with Him,**
He could not **answer Him** once in a thousand times.

Dispute – again often used as a legal term

⁴ "Wise in heart and mighty in strength,
Who has defied Him without harm?

⁵ **"It is God who** removes the mountains, they know not how,
When **He** overturns them in His anger.

⁶ **Who** shakes the earth out of its place,
And its pillars tremble;

⁷ **Who** commands the sun not to shine,
And sets a seal upon the stars;

Seals: The verb means "to seal; to wall up; to enclose." This is a poetic way of saying that God prevents the stars from showing their light.

⁸ **Who** alone stretches out the heavens
And tramples down the waves of the sea;

⁹ **Who** makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;

¹⁰ **Who** does great things, unfathomable,
And wondrous works without number.

¹¹ "Were **He** to pass by me, **I would not see Him**;
Were **He** to move past me, **I would not perceive Him**.

Job 4:15-16 ¹⁵ "Then a spirit passed by my face;
The hair of my flesh bristled up.

¹⁶ "It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form was before my eyes; There was silence, then I heard a voice:

Job 9:12ff

¹² "Were **He** to snatch away, who could restrain Him?
Who could say to Him, 'What are You doing?'

Job 9:12ff

¹² "Were **He** to snatch away, who could restrain Him?
Who could say to Him, 'What are You doing?'

¹³ "**God** will not turn back His anger;
Beneath Him crouch the helpers of Rahab.

¹⁴ "How then can I **answer Him**,
And choose my words before **Him**?

¹⁵ "For though I were right, I could not **answer**;
I would have to implore the mercy of **my judge**.

¹⁶ "If I called and **He answered** me,
I could not believe that **He** was listening to my voice.

¹⁷ "For **He** bruises me with a tempest
And multiplies my wounds without cause.

¹⁸ "**He** will not allow me to get my breath,
But saturates me with bitterness.

¹⁹ "If it is a matter of power, behold, **He** is the strong one!
And if it is a matter of justice, who can **summon Him**?

²⁰ "Though I am righteous, my mouth will **condemn me**;
Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.

²¹ "**I am guiltless**;
I do not take notice of myself; I despise my life.

²² "It is all one; therefore I say,
'**He** destroys the **guiltless and the wicked.**'

²³ "If the scourge kills suddenly,
He mocks the despair of the **innocent.**

This should be understood that Job is viewing this from Job's own perspective, NOT God's. God is not "mocking the despair of the innocent". This is a poetic expression showing God does not necessarily show favor to the guiltless and innocent, or to the wicked, at times they get even treatment.

(Job 10:1-3)

²⁴ "The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;

He covers the faces of its **judges**.

If it is not He, then who is it?

Romans 1:18 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,*

²⁵ "Now my days are swifter than a runner;

They flee away, they see no good.

²⁶ "They slip by like reed boats,

Like an eagle that swoops on its prey.

²⁷ "Though I say, 'I will forget my **complaint**,

I will leave off my sad countenance and be cheerful,'

²⁸ I am afraid of all my pains,

I know that You will not **acquit me**.

²⁹ "I am accounted wicked,

Why then should I toil in vain?

³⁰ "If I should wash myself with snow

And cleanse my hands with lye,

³¹ Yet You would plunge me into the pit,

And my own clothes would abhor me.

³² "For He is not a man as I am that I may **answer** Him,

That we may go to court together.

³³ "There is no **umpire** between us,
Who may lay his hand upon us both.

³⁴ "Let Him remove His rod from me,
And let not dread of Him terrify me.

³⁵ "Then I would speak and not fear Him;
But I am not like that in myself.