

Part 17 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Job’s Justified Pleading

Job 12:1-25

Job 12 ¹ Then Job responded,

² “Truly then **you are THE people,**

And with YOU wisdom will die!

³ “But I have **intelligence** as well as you; (*intelligence = mind or understanding*)

I am not inferior to you.

And who does not know such things as these?

⁴ “**I am a joke to my friends,**

The one who called on God **and He answered him;**

The **just** and **blameless** man is a joke.

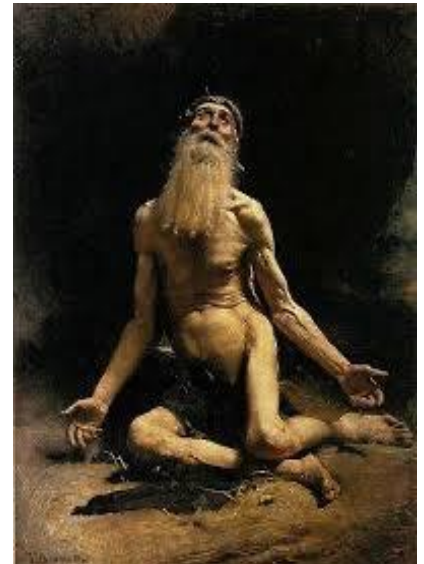
⁵ “**He who is at ease holds calamity in contempt,**

As prepared for those whose feet slip.

⁶ “**The tents of the destroyers prosper,**

And those who provoke God are secure,

Whom God brings into their power.



Now coming up is the figure **PERSONIFICATION**, we have seen it before in another series:

Quote: "Where things are represented or spoken of as persons: or, by which we attribute intelligence, by words or actions, to inanimate objects or abstract ideas." The figure is employed when the absent are spoken of as present or the dead spoken of as alive, or a country is referred to as a person. "Beasts are thus spoken of as intelligent and responsible",

The link is to EW Bullinger's reference book on figures of speech: Page 861: Animals are covered in Classification 2 on page 863.

https://lewendwater.org/books/figures_of_speech/index.htm



⁷ **“But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;
And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.**

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/index.html>

⁸ **“Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;** *(earth is a figure “all of the lower forms of life that inhabit the earth).*

And **let the fish of the sea declare to you.**

⁹ **“Who among all these does not know** *(by all these, who does not know)*

That the hand of the Lord has done this,

Job 1:20-22 ²⁰ Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹ He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb,

And naked I shall return there.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

²² **Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God**

Job 12:8-ff

⁸ “Or speak to the earth, **and let it teach you;**

And let the fish of the sea **declare to you.**

⁹ **“Who among all these does not know**

That the hand of the Lord has done this,

*That term “Who among all these” could be translated “who is **not** instructed by nature?”.*

Romans 1:20 *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.***

Job 8:11-13 "Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh?

Can the rushes grow without water?

¹² "While it is still green and not cut down,

Yet it withers before any other plant.

¹³ "**So are the paths of all who forget God;**

And the hope of the godless will perish,

Job 12:10ff

¹⁰ **In whose hand is the life** (*nepesh*) **of every living thing,** (*hand – is another figure*)

And the breath of all mankind?

*Here is a link to a great exhaustive listing of 754 occurrences of this Hebrew term NEPESH:
It also lists 3 alternative English translations of each Hebrew usage:*

<https://www.inthebeginning.org/oldtestament/nepesh.pdf>

Job 12:11-ff

¹¹ "Does not the ear test words,

As the palate tastes its food?

¹² "**Wisdom is with aged men,**

With long life is understanding.

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/index.html>

¹³ "With **Him** are **wisdom and might**;

To **Him** belong counsel and understanding.

¹⁴ "Behold, **He** tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt;

He imprisons a man, and there can be no release.

¹⁵ "Behold, **He** restrains the waters, and they dry up;

And **He** sends them out, and they **inundate** the earth.

¹⁶ "**With Him** are **strength and sound wisdom**,

The misled and the misleader **belong to Him**.

¹⁷ "**He** **makes counselors** walk barefoot

And **makes fools of judges**.

¹⁸ "**He** **loosens** the bond of kings

And **binds** their loins with a girdle.

¹⁹ "**He** **makes** priests walk barefoot

And **overthrows** the secure ones.

²⁰ "**He** **deprives** the trusted ones of speech

And **takes away** the discernment of the elders.

²¹ "**He** **pours contempt** on nobles

And loosens the belt of the strong.

²² "**He** **reveals mysteries** from the darkness

And **brings the deep darkness into light**.

²³ "**He** **makes the nations great**, then destroys them;

He enlarges the nations, then leads them away.

*The principle of retribution 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, and disobedient.*

John 9:1-7 ¹ As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

² And His disciples asked Him, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?**"

³ **Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; **BUT IT was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.****

Job 12:23 ²³ "**He** makes the nations great, **then destroys them;**
He enlarges the nations, **then leads them away.** (*leads = disperses them*)

²⁴ "**He deprives** of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people
And **makes them** wander in a pathless waste.

²⁵ "They grope in darkness with no light,
And **He makes them** stagger like a drunken man.