

Part 23 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
ROUND TWO - Rejection & Suffering **IN Righteousness**

Job 17:1-16

First key/feature: is the **contemplations** of a broken spirit verses 1 & 2:

means: the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long time.

Second key/feature: of a "broken spirit" is in verse 3: it is **the proposition** of a broken spirit.

Means a statement or assertion that expresses a judgment or opinion.

The Third key/feature: of a "broken spirit" in verse 6ff are **the ALLEGATIONS** of a "broken spirit:

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The Fourth key/feature: of a broken spirit are in verse 11ff which are the **COMPLAINTS or GREIVING** of a broken spirit.

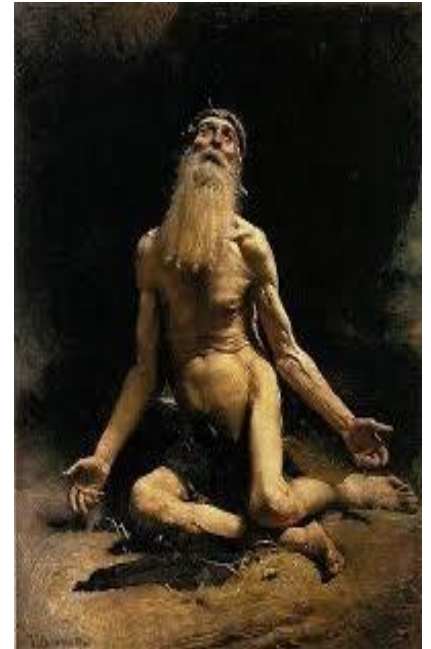
Means statements that the situations are unsatisfactory or unacceptable.

Job 17 ¹ "My **spirit** is broken, my days are extinguished,

The **grave** is ready for me.

spirit represents Job's life, his will and mind-set, his whole heart is broken

Or the **graveyard** is ready for me.



1 Corinthians 15:42-46 ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual **is not first, but the natural; THEN** the spiritual.

The "then" refers to the time of the resurrection here.

Quote:

"A man with outward courage dares to die; a man with inner courage dares to live."

1. First key/feature: which is the contemplations of a "broken spirit":

means: the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long time.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Read Psalm 119

Job 17:2

² "Surely mockers are **with me,** **with me** -One interprets it as "aimed at me.".

And my **eye gazes** on their provocation. *It indicates that he is the object of derision.*

Job 1:8b 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.**"

2. The Second key/feature: to a "broken spirit" starts here in verse 3: **the proposition of a broken spirit.**

Means a statement or assertion that expresses a judgment or opinion.

³ "Lay down, now, **a pledge** for me with **Yourself**; *yourself* refers to God
Who is there that **will be my guarantor**?

Job shows his desperation in lacking anyone to act as a guarantor on his behalf by asking God to accept himself as his own guarantor, a somewhat self-contradictory notion. (NET)

⁴ "For You have kept **their** heart from understanding,
Therefore **You will not exalt them.**

*The pronoun **their** refers to Job's friends. They have not pledged security for him because God has hidden or sealed off their understanding.*

⁵ "He who informs against friends for a share of the spoil,
The eyes of his children also will languish.

3. The Third key/feature: of a "broken spirit" starting in verse 6ff **the ALLEGATIONS** of a "broken spirit:

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Quote from last week:

Assertions without evidence can be dismissed without evidence.

⁶ "But **He** has made me a **byword** of the people, *byword = proverb*

And I am one at whom men spit.

So here, the pronoun "HE" is referring to God, or it could also be the "miserable comforters", again hard it is hard to say. The verb is in the third person, so likely referring to God here, I would suggest.

⁷ "**My eye has also grown dim because of grief,**

And **all my members** are as a shadow.

⁸ "The upright will be **appalled** at this, *Same Hebrew word as **astonished***

And the innocent will stir up himself against the godless.

Same word is used in Isaiah 52:14:

Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were **astonished** at you, My people,

So His appearance was marred more than any man

And His form more than the sons of men.

Job 2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Job 7:5 My flesh is clothed with worms and dirt;
my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh.

Job 17:9

⁹ "Nevertheless the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has clean hands **will grow stronger and stronger.**

Job 4:4 Your words have helped the tottering to stand,
And **you have strengthened** feeble knees.

Job 16:5 **I could strengthen** you with **my mouth,**
And the solace of **my lips** could lessen your pain.

Job 17:10

¹⁰ "But come again **all of you** now,
For I do not find a wise man among you.

they are "all" included again

4. The Fourth key/feature: of a "broken spirit" are in verse 11ff which are the **COMPLAINTS or GREIVING** of a broken spirit.

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¹¹ "My days are past, my plans are torn apart,
Even the wishes of my heart.

¹² "**They** make night into day, saying,

Job's friends

'The light is near,' in the presence of darkness.

What Job's friends keep pushing

¹³ "**If** I look for Sheol as my home,
I make my bed in the darkness;

Job sees the grave as his only hope

¹⁴ **If** I call to the pit, 'You are my father';
To the worm, 'my mother and my sister';

are we remembering he is

covered in worms

¹⁵ Where now is my hope?

And who regards my hope? *The second usage of hope refers to what hope produces here*

¹⁶ "**Will it** go down with me to Sheol?

Refers to Job's hope

Shall **we together** go down into the dust?"

Job and his hope

16 *Will it go down to the barred gates of death?
Will we descend together into the dust?" (NET)*

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Additional verses on God's Sovereignty:

Psalms 145 I will extol You, my God, O King,

And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless You,

And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,

And His greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another,

And shall declare Your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of Your majesty

And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

⁶ Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts,

And I will tell of Your greatness.

⁷ They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness

And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful;

Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,

And His mercies are over all His works.

¹⁰ All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

And Your godly ones shall bless You.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom

And talk of Your power;

¹² To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts

And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴ The Lord sustains all who fall

And raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to You,

And You give them their food in due time.

¹⁶ You open Your hand

And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all His ways

And kind in all His deeds.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,

To all who call upon Him in truth.

¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

He will also hear their cry and will save them.

²⁰ The Lord keeps all who love Him,

But all the wicked He will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.