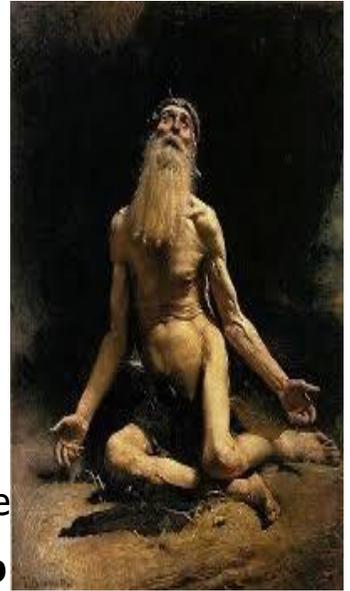


Part 10 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Eliphaz- The sincere BUT wrong Theologian

Job 4:1-21 – Job 5:1-27

Romans 9:10-17 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; ¹¹ for though the twins were **not yet born** and **had not done anything good or bad**, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works **but because of Him who calls**, ¹² **it was said to her**, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ **Just as it is written**, "Jacob **I loved, but Esau I hated.**"



¹⁴ What shall we say then? **There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!**

¹⁵ For He says to Moses, "**I will** have mercy on whom **I have mercy**, and **I will have compassion** on whom **I have compassion.**"

¹⁶ **So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.**

¹⁷ **For the Scripture** says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth."

¹⁸ So then **He has mercy** on whom **He desires**, and **He hardens whom He desires.**

19 You will say to me then, "Why does **He** still find fault? For who resists **His will?**"

20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

21 Or does not the potter **have a right** over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

22 What if God, **although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?**

23 And **He did so to make known the riches of His glory** upon vessels of mercy, **which He prepared beforehand for glory,**

24 even **us**, whom **He also called**, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. 25 As **He says** also in Hosea,

"**I will call those** who were not **My** people, '**My** people,'
And her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'"

26 "And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not **My** people,' **There they shall be called sons of the living God.**"

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; 28 **for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly.**"

Matthew 21:28-32 *"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'*²⁹ *And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.*³⁰ *The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.*³¹ *Which of the two did the will of his father?" They *said, "The first."* *Jesus *said to them, "**Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.**"*³² *For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; **but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him;** and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.*

Job 4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite **answered,**

The following one-way dialogue here falls into 3 sections:

1. Eliphaz questions Job on why if he has helped so many people in the past, does he not "pull himself" out of his darkness? This suffering ONLY happens to the wicked.
2. Then Eliphaz warns Job about complaining to God, because it is the ungodly with their impatience that bring down the wrath of God on themselves.

3. Then in the next Chapter we will see Eliphaz preaching to Job to follow a different path as God only chastises those God wishes to heal.

² "If one ventures a word with you, will you become impatient?

But who can refrain from speaking?

³ "Behold you have **admonished** many,

And you have strengthened weak hands.

Admonished - The verb means "to correct," whether by words with the sense of teach, or by chastening with the sense of punish, discipline.

The "weak hands" are literally "hands hanging down." This is a sign of weakness, helplessness, or despondency.

⁴ "Your words have helped the tottering to stand,

And you have strengthened **feeble knees**.

⁵ "**But now** it has come **to you**, and **you** are impatient;

It touches **you**, and **you** are dismayed.

This is the same verb used in v. 2, meaning "to be exhausted" or "impatient." Here the verb describes Job's state of mind that is a consequence of the trouble coming on him.

⁶ "Is not your fear of God your confidence,
And the integrity of your ways your hope?

⁷ **"Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright destroyed?**

***Job 1:1** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.*

⁸ "According to what **I have seen**, those **who plow iniquity
And those who sow trouble harvest it.**

⁹ "By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of His anger they come to an end.

¹⁰ "The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.

¹¹ "The lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered.

¹² **"Now a word was brought to me stealthily,**
And my ear received a whisper of it.

¹³ "Amid disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,

¹⁴ Dread came upon me, and trembling,
And made all my bones shake.

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:

¹⁷ 'Can mankind be just before God?

Can a man be pure before his Maker?

¹⁸ 'He puts no trust even in His servants;

And against His angels He charges error.

¹⁹ 'How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,

Whose foundation is in the dust,

Who are crushed before the moth!

²⁰ 'Between morning and evening they are broken in pieces;

Unobserved, they perish forever.

²¹ 'Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them?

They die, yet without wisdom.'

Job 5 Call now, is there anyone who will answer you?

And to which of the holy ones will you turn?

² "For anger slays the foolish man,

And jealousy kills the simple.

³ "I have seen the foolish taking root,

And I cursed his abode immediately.

⁴ "His sons are far from safety,
They are even oppressed in the gate,
And there is no deliverer.

⁵ "His harvest the hungry devour
And take it to a place of thorns,
And the schemer is eager for their wealth.

⁶ "**For affliction does not come from the dust,**
Nor does trouble sprout from the ground,
⁷ For man is born for trouble,
As sparks fly upward.

⁸ "**But as for me, I** would seek God,
And **I** would place my cause before God;
⁹ Who does great and unsearchable things,
Wonders without number.

¹⁰ "He gives rain on the earth
And sends water on the fields,
¹¹ So that He sets on high those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are lifted to safety.

¹² "He frustrates the plotting of the shrewd,
So that their hands cannot attain success.

¹³ "He captures the wise by their own shrewdness,
And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted.

¹⁴ "By day they meet with darkness,
And grope at noon as in the night.

¹⁵ "But He saves from the sword of their mouth,
And the poor from the hand of the mighty.

¹⁶ "So the helpless has hope,
And unrighteousness must shut its mouth.

¹⁷ "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves,
So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

¹⁸ "For He inflicts pain, and gives relief;
He wounds, and His hands also heal.

¹⁹ "From six troubles He will deliver you,
Even in seven evil will not touch you.

²⁰ "In famine He will redeem you from death,
And in war from the power of the sword.

²¹ "You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,
And you will not be afraid of violence when it comes.

²² "You will laugh at violence and famine,
And you will not be afraid of wild beasts.

²³ "For you will be in league with the stones of the field,
And the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

²⁴ "You will know that your tent is secure,
For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.

²⁵ "You will know also that your descendants will be many,
And your offspring as the grass of the earth.

²⁶ "You will come to the grave in full vigor,
Like the stacking of grain in its season.

²⁷ "Behold this; we have investigated it, and so it is.
Hear it, and know for yourself."