

Part 11 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

Job's Response to Eliphaz

Job 6:1-30

Psalms 139 ¹ O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.

³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O Lord, You know it all.

⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

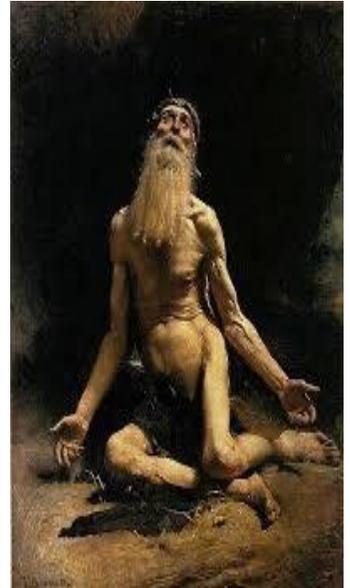
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.



¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"

¹² Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.

Darkness and light are alike to You.

¹³ For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.

¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.
When I awake, I am still with You.

¹⁹ O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

²⁰ For they speak against You wickedly,

And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

²² I hate them with the utmost hatred;

They have become my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there be any hurtful way in me,

And lead me in the everlasting way.

Job 5:17 "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproveth,
So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

Job 6 ¹ **Then Job answered,**

² "Oh that my grief were actually weighed

And laid in the balances together with my calamity!

³ "For then it would be heavier than the sand of the seas;

Therefore my words have been rash.

⁴ "For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,

Their poison my spirit drinks;

The terrors of God are arrayed against me.

⁵ "Does the wild donkey bray over his grass,

Or does the ox low over his fodder?

⁶ "Can something tasteless be eaten without salt,
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

Job 5:8-11 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.

Luke 4:9-11 *And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; ¹⁰ **for it is written,***

'He will command His angels concerning You to guard You,'

¹¹ *and, 'On their hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"*

CONTEXTOMY? *'Contextomy' refers to the selective excerpting of words from their original linguistic context in a way that distorts the source's intended meaning, a practice commonly referred to as 'quoting out of context'. Contextomy is employed in contemporary mass media to promote products, defame public figures and misappropriate rhetoric.*

A contextomized quotation not only prompts audiences to form a false impression of the source's intentions but can contaminate subsequent interpretation of the quote when it is restored to its original context.

Job 6:7-ff

⁷ "My soul refuses to touch them;

They are like loathsome food to me.

⁸ "Oh that my request might come to pass,

And that God would grant my longing!

⁹ "Would that God were willing to crush me,

That He would loose His hand and cut me off!

¹⁰ "But it is still my consolation,

And I rejoice in unsparing pain,

That I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

¹¹ "What is my strength, that I should wait?

And what is my end, that **I should endure?**

James 5:11 We count those blessed **who endured**. You have heard of the **endurance of Job** and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the **Lord is full of compassion** and is **merciful**.

Job 6:12-ff

¹² "Is my strength the strength of stones,

Or is my flesh bronze?

¹³ "Is it that my help is not within me,

And that deliverance is driven from me?

The NIV translates it this way: "Do I have any power to help myself, now that success has been driven from me?"

¹⁴ "For the despairing man there **should be kindness from his friend;**

So that he does not forsake the fear of the Almighty.

¹⁵ "**My brothers** (*plural*) **have acted deceitfully** like a **wadi**, (*river, brook*)

Like the torrents of wadis which vanish,

¹⁶ Which are turbid because of ice

And into which the snow melts.

¹⁷ "When they become waterless, they are silent,

When it is hot, they vanish from their place.

¹⁸ "The paths of their course wind along,

They go up into nothing and perish.

¹⁹ "The caravans of Tema **looked**,
The travelers of Sheba **hoped for them**.

²⁰ "They were disappointed for they had **trusted**,
They came there and were **confounded**.

²¹ "**Indeed, you have now become such**,
You see a terror and are afraid.

²² "Have I said, 'Give me something,'
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth,'

²³ Or, 'Deliver me from the hand of the adversary,'
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the tyrants'?

²⁴ "Teach me, and I will be silent;
And show me how I have erred.

²⁵ "How painful are honest words!
But what does your argument prove?

²⁶ "Do you intend to reprove my words,
When the words of one in despair belong to the wind?

²⁷ "You would even cast lots for the orphans
And barter over your friend.

²⁸ "Now please look at me, And see if I lie to your face.

²⁹ "**Desist now**, let there be no injustice;
Even desist, my righteousness is yet in it.

³⁰ "Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my palate discern calamities?