

Part 12 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Job Finally Addresses God - Job 7:1-21

Galatians 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.”

Isaiah 40:10-31 Behold, the Lord God will come with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.

Behold, His reward is with Him

And His recompense before Him.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,

In His arm He will gather the lambs

And carry them in His bosom;

He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

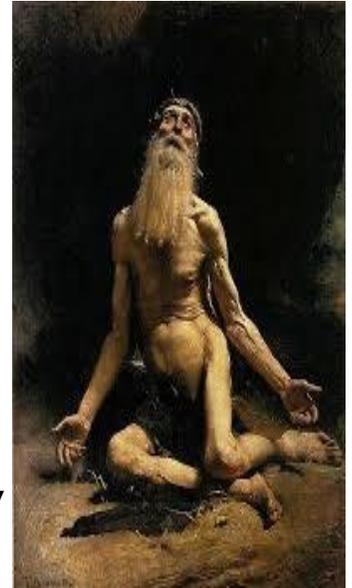
¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,

And marked off the heavens by the span,

And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,

And weighed the mountains in a balance

And the hills in a pair of scales?



¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has informed Him?

¹⁴ With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding?
And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge
And informed Him of the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales;
Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

¹⁶ Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,
Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before Him,
They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

¹⁹ As for the idol, a craftsman casts it,
A goldsmith plates it with gold,
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

²⁰ He who is too impoverished for such an offering
Selects a tree that does not rot;
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman
To prepare an idol that will not totter.

²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,

And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,

Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain

And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

²³ He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,

Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

²⁴ Scarcely have they been planted,

Scarcely have they been sown,

Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,

But He merely blows on them, and they wither,

And the storm carries them away like stubble.

²⁵ "To whom then will you liken Me

That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high

And see who has created these stars,

The One who leads forth their host by number,

He calls them all by name;

Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power,

Not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired.
His understanding is inscrutable.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary,
And to him who lacks might He increases power.

³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,

³¹ Yet those who wait for the Lord
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

Job 6:14 "For the **despairing man** there **should be kindness from his friend**; So that he does not forsake the fear of the Almighty.

Job 7:1 Is not man **forced to labor** on earth,
And are not his days like the days of a hired man?

² "As **a slave** who **pants** for the shade,
And as **a hired man** who **eagerly waits** for his wages,

³ **So** am I **allotted** months of vanity,
And nights of trouble are **appointed me**.

⁴ "When I lie down, I say,
'When shall I arise?'

But the night continues,
And I am continually tossing until dawn.

⁵ "**My flesh is clothed with worms** and a crust of dirt,
My skin hardens and runs.

Acts 12:21-23 On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. ²² The people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

²³ And **immediately** an angel of the Lord struck him because **he did not give God the glory**, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 12:24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

Job 7:6-ff

⁶ "**My days** are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And come to an end without hope.

⁷ "Remember that **my life** is but breath;
My eye will not again see good.

⁸ "The eye of him who sees me will behold me no longer;
Your eyes will be on me, but **I will not be**.

⁹ "When a cloud vanishes, **it is gone**, **So he who goes down to Sheol does not come up.**

vanishes and gone mean to come to an end) the noun sheol can mean "the grave," "death," or "Sheol"

John 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

Job 7:6-ff

¹⁰ "**He will not** return again to his house,
Nor will his place know him anymore.

¹¹ "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹² "Am I the sea, or the sea monster,
That You set a guard over me?

¹³ "If I say, '**My bed will comfort me,**
My couch **will ease** my complaint,'

¹⁴ Then You frighten me with dreams
And terrify me by visions;

¹⁵ **So that my soul would choose** suffocation,
Death rather than my pains.

¹⁶ "I waste away; I will not live forever.

Leave me alone, for my days are but a breath.

¹⁷ "What is man that **You** magnify him,
And that **You** are concerned about him,
¹⁸ That **You** examine him every morning
And **try him** every moment?

¹⁹ "Will **You** never turn Your gaze away from me,
Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?

²⁰ "**Have I sinned? What have I done to You,**
O watcher of men?
Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I am a burden **to myself?**

*Some translations have the word "**If** I have sinned".*

*"**to myself**" may be translated, "to you" referring to God.*

²¹ "Why then do **You not pardon** my transgression
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the dust;
And **You** will seek me, but I will not be."