

Part 19 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

Life and Death

Job 14:1-22

Psalms 2 ¹ Why are the nations in an uproar

And the peoples devising a vain thing?

² **The kings of the earth** take their stand

And the rulers take counsel together

Against the Lord and **against** His Anointed, saying,

³ **“Let us tear their fetters apart**

And cast away **their** cords from us!”

⁴ **He who sits in the heavens laughs,**

The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ **Then He will speak to them** in His anger

And terrify them in His fury, saying,

⁶ **“But as for Me, I have installed My King**

Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”

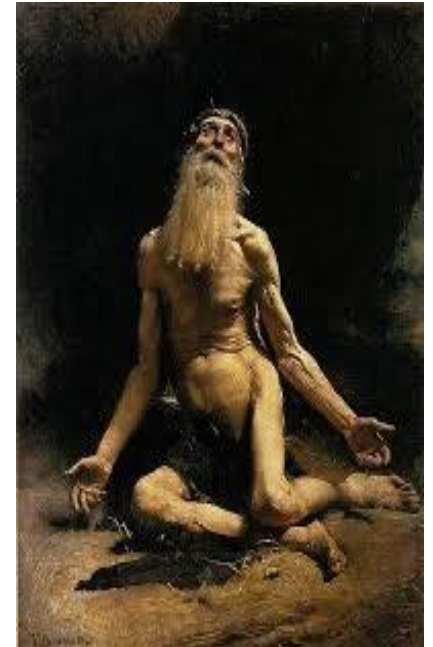
⁷ **“I will surely tell** of the decree of the Lord:

He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,

Today **I have** begotten You.

⁸ ‘Ask of **Me,** and **I will** surely give the nations as Your inheritance,

And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.



⁹ **You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.**"

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.

¹¹ Worship the Lord with reverence
And rejoice with **trembling**.

¹² **Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry,** and you perish in
the way, **For His wrath may soon be kindled.**
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Job 14 ¹ "Man, who is born of woman,
Is short-lived and full of turmoil.

² "Like a flower he comes forth and withers.

He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.

and does not remain Here the verb means "to stay fixed; to abide."

³ "You also **open Your eyes on** him

"open the eye on," an idiom meaning to prepare to judge someone.

And bring him into **judgment** with Yourself.

⁴ "Who can make the clean out of the unclean? No one!

⁵ **“Since his days are determined,** (*it means to “carve” as engraved on a tablet of stone*)

The number of his months is with You;
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.

The LXX has “if his life should be but one day on the earth, and his months are numbered by him, you have appointed him for a time and he shall by no means exceed it.”

⁶ “Turn Your gaze from him that he may **rest,**
(*rest is- desist- cease*)

Until he fulfills his day like a hired man.

⁷ **“For there is hope for a tree,**

When it is **cut down, that it will sprout again,**

And its shoots will not fail.

⁸ “Though its roots grow old in the ground

And its **stump dies** in the dry soil,

⁹ At the scent of water it will flourish

And put forth sprigs like a plant.

¹⁰ **“But man dies and lies prostrate.**

Man expires, and where is he?

¹¹ "As water evaporates from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dried up,
¹² **So man lies down and DOES NOT RISE.**

Man=mankind-plural

**Until the heavens are no longer,
He will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep.**

¹³ "Oh that You **would hide me** in Sheol,
That You **would conceal me** until Your wrath returns to You,
That You **would set a limit** for me and remember me!

Limit- Same word as in verse 5.

14:5 And his **limits** You have set so that he cannot pass.

¹⁴ "If a man dies, will he live again?
All the days of my struggle I will wait

wait=The word describes eager expectation and longing hope.

Until my change comes.

UNTIL Again, time involved

*What did Job just say here, do we see the sequence? A man dies **THEN** he lays in Sheol we read it earlier, **THEN - THEN** (time involved) **UNTIL** (again time involved) **THEN** change comes.*

¹⁵ **You will** call, and **I will** answer You;

*I pronoun = is an empathic pronoun-
“and I on my part will answer.”*

You will long for the work of Your hands.

¹⁶ **For now** You number my steps,

now - present tense

You do not observe my sin.

Psalms 130:3-4 If You, Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with You,

That You may be feared.

Job 14:17ff

¹⁷ “My transgression is **sealed up in a bag,**

And You wrap up my iniquity.

The term “wrap” is the same verb used in 13:4, remember from last week “plasterers of lies”. Here it is used that God can cover up sin.

¹⁸ “But the falling mountain crumbles away,

And the rock moves from its place.

¹⁹ Water wears away stones,
Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth;

So You destroy man's hope.

²⁰ "You forever overpower him and he departs;
You change his appearance and send him away.

1 Corinthians 15:13-19 But **if** there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴ and **if** Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, **your faith also is vain.** ¹⁵ Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, **if** in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For **if** the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷ and **if** Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ **Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.** ¹⁹ **If** we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

6 conditional "IF clauses just in this short section.

Job 14:21ff

²¹ "His **sons** achieve honor, but he does not know it;
Or they become insignificant, **but he does not perceive it.**

²² "But his body pains him,
And he mourns only for himself."

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