

**Part 21 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job**

**ROUND TWO - Eliphaz vs. Job .....continued**

**Job 15:15-35**

**Matthew 16:21-23** <sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He **must** go to Jerusalem and **SUFFER** many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **KILLED**, and be raised up on the third day.

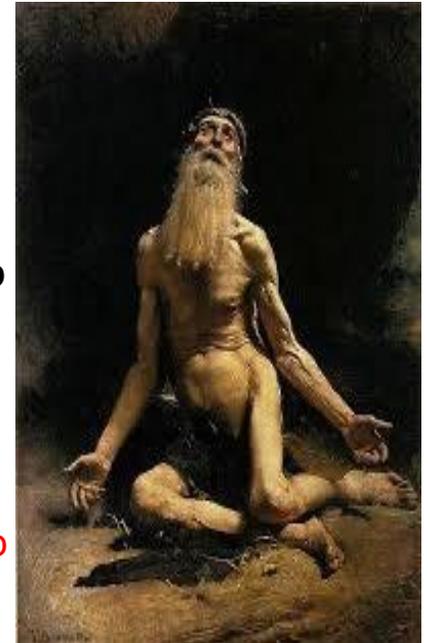
<sup>22</sup> **Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him,** saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall **NEVER** happen to You."

<sup>23</sup> **But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are NOT setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."**

**1 Peter 2:16-20** <sup>16</sup> Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as bondslaves of God.

<sup>17</sup> Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.



**19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.**

**20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.**

**Job 15:6** "Your own mouth **condemns you**, and not I;  
And your own lips **testify against you**.

**Job 15:13** That you should turn your **spirit against God**  
**And allow such words to go out of your mouth?**

**Job 15:16** <sup>16</sup> How much less one who is **detestable** and **corrupt**,  
**Man, who drinks iniquity like water!**

**Job 15:8** "**DO YOU** hear the secret counsel of God,  
**And limit wisdom to yourself?**

**Job 15:15ff**

<sup>15</sup> "**Behold, He puts no trust in His holy ones,**  
**And the heavens are not pure in His sight;**

<sup>16</sup> How much less one who is **detestable** and **corrupt**,  
**Man, who drinks iniquity like water!**

<sup>17</sup> "I will tell you, **listen to me;**

**And what I have seen I will also declare;**

<sup>18</sup> **What wise men have told,**

And have not concealed from their fathers,

Legal Definition of hearsay:

*Hearsay evidence, in a legal forum, is testimony from an under-oath witness who is reciting an out-of-court statement, the content of which is being offered to prove the truth of the matter asserted.*

**Mark 4:23-25** <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And He was saying to them, **"Take care what you listen to.** By your standard of measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. <sup>25</sup> For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

### **Job 15:19ff**

<sup>19</sup> To whom alone the land was given,

And no alien passed among them.

<sup>20</sup> "The wicked man writhes in pain all his days, *It carries the idea of "tormenting oneself,"*

And numbered are the years stored up for the ruthless.

<sup>21</sup> "Sounds of terror are in his ears;

While at peace the destroyer comes upon him.

<sup>22</sup> **“He does not believe** that he will return from darkness,  
And he is destined for the sword.

<sup>23</sup> “He wanders about for food, saying, ‘Where is it?’        *The LXX has “he has been appointed for food for vultures,” This would carry on the thought of the passage—he sees himself destined for the sword and food for vultures*

He knows that a day of darkness is at hand.        *The reading of the MT is “he knows that a day of darkness is fixed in his hand,” i.e., is certain.*

<sup>24</sup> “Distress and anguish terrify him,  
They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,  
<sup>25</sup> Because he has stretched **out his hand against God**  
And conducts himself **arrogantly against the Almighty.**

<sup>26</sup> “He rushes headlong at Him With his massive shield.

<sup>27</sup> “For he has covered his face with his fat        *This verse tells us that he is not in any condition to fight because he is bloated and fat from luxurious living.*

And made his thighs heavy with flesh.

<sup>28</sup> “He has lived in desolate cities,

In houses no one would inhabit,

**Which are destined to become ruins.**        *The LXX translates it, “what they have prepared, let others carry away.*

<sup>29</sup> "He will not become rich, nor will his wealth endure;  
And his grain will not bend down to the ground.

<sup>30</sup> "He will not escape from darkness;  
The flame will wither his shoots,

And by the breath of **His mouth he will go away.** *LXX says depart*

<sup>31</sup> "Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;  
**For emptiness will be his reward.**

*The LXX has "let him not think that he shall endure, for his end shall be vanity."*

<sup>32</sup> "It will be accomplished before his time,  
**And his palm branch will not be green.**

<sup>33</sup> "He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine,  
And will cast off his flower like the olive tree.

*The verb means "to treat violently" or "to wrong." It indicates that the vine did not nourish the grapes well enough for them to grow, and so they dry up and drop off.*

*The point is that like the tree the wicked man shows signs of life but produces nothing valuable. The olive tree will have blossoms in the years that it produces no olives, and so eventually drops the blossoms.*

<sup>34</sup> "For the company of the godless is barren,  
And fire consumes the tents of the corrupt.

<sup>35</sup> "They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity,  
And their mind prepares deception."