

Part 31 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job
Job Wrestles with God

Job 24:1-25

Job 4:1-6 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
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.

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.

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

7-9 Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright destroyed?

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.



Hebrews 1:1-3 ¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² **in these last days has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Job 24 ¹ “**Why** are **times** not stored up by the Almighty, *Heb: set times.*
And **why** do those who know Him **not see His days**?”

NET Bible: The LXX reads “Why are times hidden from the Almighty?” as if to say that God is not interested in the events on the earth. The MT reading is saying that God fails to set the times for judgment and vindication and makes good sense as it stands.

not see His days.....Job is essentially asking “why do we die and not see the judgement of the wicked?”

² “Some remove the landmarks; They seize and devour flocks.

Deuteronomy 27:17 ‘**Cursed is he** who moves his neighbor’s boundary mark.’
And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

Job 24: ³ “They drive away the donkeys of the **orphans**;
They take the **widow’s** ox for a pledge.

Job 22:8-10 But the earth belongs to the mighty man,
And the honorable man dwells in it.

⁹ **"You have** sent **widows** away empty,
And the strength of the **orphans** has been crushed.

¹⁰ **"Therefore** snares surround **you**,
And sudden dread terrifies **you**,

Job 21:30 "For the wicked is reserved for the day of calamity;
They will be led forth at the day of fury.

Job 22:14 'Clouds are a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot see;
And He walks on the vault of heaven.'

Job 24: ⁴ "They push the needy aside from the road;
The poor of the land are made to hide themselves altogether.

⁵ **"Behold**, as wild donkeys in the wilderness *Like or the pronoun THEY*
They go forth seeking food in their activity,
As bread for their children in the desert.

⁶ "They harvest their fodder in the field
And **glean** the vineyard of the wicked. *Often the task of the poor*

⁷ "They spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering against the cold.

⁸ "They are wet with the mountain rains

And **hug** the rock for want of a shelter.

embrace

⁹ "Others snatch the orphan from the breast,

And against the poor they take a pledge.

¹⁰ "They cause the poor to go about naked without clothing,

And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.

¹¹ "Within the walls they produce oil;

They tread wine presses but thirst.

¹² "From the **city** men groan,

cities tend to have higher crime levels

And the souls of the wounded cry out;

Yet God does not pay attention to folly.

God here is not intervening.

^{13a} "**Others have been with those who** rebel against the light;

They do not want to know its ways Nor abide in its paths.

¹⁴ "The murderer arises at dawn;

He kills the poor and the needy,

And at night he is as a thief.

¹⁵ "The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight,

Saying, 'No eye will see me.'

And he disguises his face.

Some scholars put this next verse after verse 14, which may make sense as it is referring to the thief and not the adulterer.

¹⁶ **"In the dark they dig into houses,** *many houses made of dried clay*
They shut themselves up by day;
They do not know the light.

¹⁷ "For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness,
For he is familiar with the terrors of thick darkness.

¹⁸ "They are insignificant on the surface of the water;
Their portion is cursed on the earth.
They do not turn toward the vineyards.

¹⁹ "Drought and heat consume the snow waters,
So does Sheol those who have sinned.

²⁰ "A mother will forget him;
The worm feeds sweetly till he is no longer remembered.
And wickedness will be broken like a tree.

²¹ "He wrongs the barren woman
And does no good for the widow.

²² "But **He** drags off the valiant by His power; ***HE** refers to God*
He rises, but no one has assurance of life.

²³ "**He** provides them with security, and they are supported;
And **His** eyes are on their ways.

NET Note: *The meaning of the verse is that God may allow the wicked to rest in comfort and security, but all the time he is watching them closely with the idea of bringing judgment on them.*

²⁴ "They are exalted a little while, then they are gone;
Moreover, they are brought low and like everything gathered up;
Even like the heads of grain they are cut off.

²⁵ "Now if it is not so, who can prove me a liar,
And make my speech worthless?"

Jeremiah 12:1-4 ¹ Righteous are You, O Lord, that I would plead my case
with You;

Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You:

Why has the way of the wicked prospered?

Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?

² **You** have planted them, they have also taken root;

They grow, they have even produced fruit.

You are near to their lips

But far from their mind.

³ But You know me, O Lord; You see me;

And You examine my heart's attitude toward You.

Drag them off like sheep for the slaughter

And set them apart for a day of carnage!

⁴ How long is the land to mourn

And the vegetation of the countryside to wither? For the wickedness of those
who dwell in it, Animals and birds have been snatched away,

Because men have said, "He will not see our latter ending."