**THE BOOK OF JOB**

**LESSON 10 - BILDAD: THE WICKED PUNISHED; JOB TRUSTS IN HIS REDEEMER**

**(JOB 18-19)**

**EXTRA INFO:**  As nothing more has been heard about Satan since the beginning of this book, Job’s “friends” seem to have taken his place in persecuting him. But Satan has not disappeared. He’s attacking Job not only through disaster, disease, and depression, but also through the faithlessness of these so-called friends, who only see him as a sinner.

**DAYS ONE & TWO** - Read Job 18:1-21 (Bildad says: The Wicked Are Punished)

1. How does Bildad start his 2nd speech with the same words of his 1st speech back in Job 8:2, and how does he blame Job for the stalemate in 18:2?

*Answer here*

2. While there is no record of Job calling his “friends” any kind of *beasts*, how does Bildad show his contempt for Job in verses 3-4?

*Answer here*

3. What does Bildad say about the *light of the wicked* in verses 5-6?

*Answer here*

4. As this so-called friend continues his ruthless tirade, how does he picture Job as a traveler looking for safety, but finding none, in verses 7-10?

*Answer here*

5. How do verses 11-12 continue Bildad’s attack?

*Answer here*

6. As this unloving friend tries to terrify Job into confessing his sin, how does verse 13, poetically describe the deadliest disease ever produced at that time?

*Answer here*

7. How is Job being paraded *before the king of terrors* by Bildad’s words, in verses 14-15?

*Answer here*

8. How do verses 16-18 describe Job’s slow demise?

*Answer here*

9. How does Bildad connect this idea of Job’s death being like a tree drying up, to the death of a family tree in verse 19, that had to be another stab into Job’s heart?

*Answer here*

10. As all people from the *west* to the *east* are *astonished* and *frightened* by what they’ve heard about Job, how is the *dwelling of the wicked* described in verse 21?

*Answer here*

**DAYS THREE THRU FIVE** - Read Job 19:1-29 (Job Trusts in his Redeemer)

 1. a. As Job changes the subject from the trials of death to the trials of life, how does he describe what his friends had been doing to him in verses 2-3?

*Answer here*

b. How does Job tell them in verse 4, that their words have failed to have any power over his supposed sin?

*Answer here*

2. As Job fears there is no justice, how do verses 5-7 show that if it was God who sent him friends like Bildad, then who needs enemies?

*Answer here*

3. Describe what Job thinks God has done to him in verses 8-10.

*Answer here*

4. As Job thinks that God has *also kindled His wrath against* him and *counts* him *as one of his enemies*, how did this make him feel surrounded in verse 12?

*Answer here*

5. List some of the “others” in Job’s life who were failing to help him in verses 13-19.

*Answer here*

6. What common slang phrase is found in verse 20, that has to do with escaping death by a very small margin?

*Answer here*

7. What does Job ask his friends to do, and to stop doing, in verses 21-22?

*Answer here*

8. Even at this low point in Job’s life, what does he wish for in verses 23-24?

*Answer here*

9. How does this book suddenly arise to an amazing climax as Job speaks the words found in Job 25?

*Answer here*

10. Do a **Word Study** of the word *Redeemer.*

*Answer here*

11. While Job had no hope for this life, what did he hope for in the next in verses 26-27?

*Answer here*

12. What did David, also, believe in Psalm 17:15?

*Answer here*

13. What more is said about those who will *see God* in the following verses?

 Matthew 5:8

*Answer here*

 1 Corinthians 13:12

*Answer here*

14. How does Job 19:28-29 warn his so-called friends, that their misjudgment and vehemence against him could bring punishment on them?

*Answer here*

15. What does James 5:9 say about this?

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** Today we can still see Satan behind the scenes of all this evil that is being called good in our world. Abortion and encouraging children to choose to be other than how God created them is Satan’s work. How can we also see Satan behind the scenes in Matthew 16:22-23, when Peter engaged in an activity just like Job’s companions did when they went against the idea that suffering could have any good outcome.

*Answer here*