

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Job 9:33

Nor is there any mediator between us, who
may lay his hand on us both.

IN THE BEGINNING 17-1

**"PROVERBS OF ASHES, DEFENSES OF CLAY"
Job 8:1 – 14:22**

1. What stimulated your thinking in last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Job 8:1-22

2. To what did Bildad compare Job's words?
3. a. Bildad's theology was based on what premise in verse 3?

b. How did Bildad apply that to Job's children?

c. How did he apply that premise to Job's claim of blamelessness?

d. What lesson about sin/suffering did Jesus teach in these Scriptures?
John 9:2,3

John 11:1-4
4. What three illustrations of nature did Bildad use to depict the unsecure position of the ungodly?
 - a. vs. 11-13
 - b. vs. 14-15
 - c. vs. 16-19
5. a. Bildad was convinced in his own mind Job had sinned. What restoration did he preach in verses 20-22?

b. What is the message of restoration in these Scriptures when one turns to God?
Proverbs 8:17

Acts 3:19

1 John 1:7

DAY 2 – READ Job 9:1-10:22

6. a. What was Job's question in 9:2?

b. What is the answer from Romans 5:1?
7. How did Job describe God in 9:4-15? (use broad terms)

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Job 9:1-10:22

8. a. Considering God's greatness, what did Job doubt in 9:16?
 - b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, select a Scripture you recall that give assurance to a Christian that the opposite is true?
9. a. Flooded with despair, what was Job's desire in 9:33?
 - b. Write 1 Timothy 2:5
10. In chapter 10 a baffled Job questioned God's logic in the suffering. Do you question the cause of adversity in your life? Please share what thoughts go through your mind when suffering strikes.
11. These three thoughts seem to summarize Job's despair in chapter 10:
 - a. It doesn't seem to matter if I'm good or bad, God's against me.
 - b. I'm sorry I was ever born.
 - c. Turn away from me, God, and let me die in peace.

How do you think Satan is being successful in manipulating this time of trial in Job's life?

DAY 3 – READ Job 11:1-20

12. Zophar expressed his opinion . . . "You want God to explain Himself to you?" Verse 6 "Know this: _____". Besides that, (verse 7) "Can _____? Can _____?"
13. What was Zophar's diagnosis of Job's plight in vs. 11?
14. a. In his plea for Job's repentance, what was Zophar's pious advice?
 - b. What blessings did Zophar say would follow?
15. a. What do you see missing in Zophar as a "friend" to Job?
 - b. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a true friend?

DAY 4 – READ Job 12:1 - 25

16. Having been insulted by Zophar in 11:12, what was Job's response in 12:3?
17. In verse 10, what does Job affirm about God?
18. Job emphasized the evident power of God in 12:14-25. Select five examples of God's power.

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Job 13:1-19

19. a. What did Job think of his friend's advice in 13:1-5?
- b. What was Job's question in vs. 9?
20. a. In trusting God, what did Job express in vs. 15?
- b. . . . vs.18?

DAY 5 – READ Job 13:20-14:22

21. a. Job asked his friends to be silent and listen to how he would present his case if he were to face God. What things would he request of God?
- b. Job was afraid God had not forgiven what in 13:26?
- c. How does Satan use a Christian's past to cause doubt and create ineffectiveness? Please share your thoughts.
22. In what aspect of life did Job feel man was helpless (vs.14:5)?
23. a. What indicated Job considered the possibility of bodily resurrection in 14:14?
- b. Write 2 Corinthians 4:14.
24. Circumstances at hand continued to overpower Job's hope of the future. What measures can a Christian take to avoid falling into such despair?

CAPSULE SUMMARY ROUND ONE:

Eliphaz: God is pure.

Bildad: God governs rightly.

Zophar: God is all-wise.

Job: Yet He torments me.

Job: Yet He will not let me stand before Him.

Job: Yet I would plead before Him.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: