

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and
He shall stand at last upon the earth.

IN THE BEGINNING 18-1**"COMFORTERS TURN CHALLENGERS"****Job 15:1 – 21:34**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

INTRODUCTION: As you study this lesson, keep in mind where Job's friends are "coming from" as their attacks become fiercer. Eliphaz is the spiritualist; Bildad the traditionalist; and Zophar the legalist.

DAY 1 – READ Job 15:1-35

2. What was Eliphaz' attitude toward Job as revealed in verse 6?
3. According to vs.9, what charge did Eliphaz make?
4. What did he claim Job had done in vs.13?
5. How did Eliphaz point out the general depravity of man?
6. a. Select several phrases from vs.20-35 which describe the wicked man as Eliphaz had seen from his experience.

b. Relying on experience alone to form judgments might allow us to forget what truths from these Scriptures?
Matthew 5:45

Romans 8:28

DAY 2 – READ Job 16:1-21

7. In 16:1-5 how did Job say he would respond to Eliphaz if the situation were reversed?
8. Although feeling God was against him, and in deep anguish, how does verse 17 indicate that Job did not consider suicide?
9. a. What was Job's hope?

b. In the fullness of time Jesus revealed Himself as our hope (Colossians 1:27). How were Job's descriptions fulfilled in Jesus from these Scriptures?
"witness/advocate on high" - 1 John 2:1

"pleads with God" - Hebrews 7:25

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Job 17:1-16

10. What was Job's challenge to his friends in 17:10?
11. Obviously Job was suffering physically. How do you think his friends contributed to his mental suffering?

DAY 3 – READ Job 18:1-19:29

12. According to Bildad, how did Job regard his friends?
13. Regarding the wicked, in Bildad's opinion what happened to:
 - a. vs.5,6 light of the wicked
 - b. vs.7-11 steps of the wicked
 - c. vs.12,13 health of the wicked
 - d. vs.14-16 security of the wicked
 - e. vs.17-20 future generations of the wicked
14. How many times had Job's friends wronged him?
15. What was Job's statement of personal responsibility?
16. a. How did people around Job react to him in verses 13-19?
 - b. What was Job's physical appearance in vs.20?
18. a. Why do you think Job wanted his words engraved?
 - b. Do you think the written word is often more powerful than the spoken word? Why or why not?
19. Fill in: "I know _____ (vs.25)"
20. a. What hope did Job proclaim?
 - b. What is a Christian's assurance from 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18?

DAY 4 – READ Job 20:1-29

21. Why was Zophar prompted to speak?
22. What was Zophar's point in verse 5?
... verse 17?
... verse 22?
... verse 27?
23. Contending that prosperity of the wicked is short, how did Zophar apply that viewpoint in verse 29?
24. Zophar's legalism and narrowness of belief overlooked what important thing from 1 Corinthians 4:5?
25. This is the last time Zophar spoke to Job. What is your mental picture of Zophar as he sat across from Job?

DAY 5 – READ Job 21:1-34

26. a. Zophar said the wicked suffer. What had Job observed about the lifestyle of the wicked in vs.7-13?

b. ... their attitude toward God?

c. Lest his friends think Job's generalized responses were any truer than their formula of life, how did Job cite death as the great leveler in verses 22-26?
27. How did Job sum up his friends' advice in vs. 34?
28. Life is more complicated than equating prosperity/suffering with righteousness or wickedness. David found balance in Psalm 37. Read it and select several verses which would encourage a believer in either prosperity or suffering.

CAPSULE SUMMARY ROUND TWO:

Eliphaz: God is pure and destroys the wicked.

Bildad: God governs rightly and destroys the wicked.

Zophar: Prosperity of the wicked is short.

Job: And me, the innocent.

***Job: If God governs rightly,
He will vindicate me.***

Job: The wicked prosper to the end.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: