

Lessons from the Story of Job

How can a man be just with God? (Job 25-26)

Job 4:17-19 (a spirit who came and spoke with Eliphaz): "Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker?"

Job 9:2 (Job in response to Bildad): "I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?"

Job 15:14 (Eliphaz to Job): "What is man, that he should be clean? And he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?"

Job 25:4 (Bildad to Job): How then can man be justified with God? Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

Job 40:6-9: Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 'Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? Hast thou an arm like God? Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?'

1. Do you think all the men are in some ways trying to justify themselves by what they are saying up to this point?

2. In 25:3 Bildad states that the light of God arises on all men, therefore how can a man be just or pure? In 25:5 Bildad states that the moon is not bright and neither are the stars pure in God's eyes, how much less a man who is a maggot & worm? Why do you think Bildad is saying what he did to Job? Is it a tactic of Satan or God or both, to keep bringing this question of being just with God back to Job?

"What a help you are to the weak"

3. Job says in 26:2, "What a help you are...." What is it about Bildad's words that are so worthless? Is there a lesson for us?

4. Look at Luke 22:31-32 where we learn that Satan has asked to sift Peter. What do you see that we can learn from Jesus in His interaction with Peter and the disciples in their struggle of faith in comparison with Bildad's interaction with Job in his struggle of faith?

5. Consider 26:4. What is Job seeing/understanding about where Bildad's words are coming from? How does this discernment help him and does it relate to our struggle against Satan?

"These are the fringes of His ways"

6. In 26:5-14, what do you see Job expressing out of his heart in these verses, especially v14?