

THE BOOK OF JOB
JOB 9:1-35

INTRODUCTION:

1. After Job suffered unimaginable loss, his friends came to comfort him. But instead they criticized him.
2. In Job 9, Job responds to Bildad. (Job 8.3,11,13,19)
3. In his response, Job felt that though he was innocent, he had no one on his side advocating for him.

I. THE GAP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

- A. The wisdom and power of God.
1. **JOB 9.3:** *“If I wished to contend with Him...”* Job was utterly inadequate to present his case. Why?
 2. **JOB 9.4:** *“God is wise in heart”* (cf. Rom. 11.33)
 3. **JOB 9.4:** *“God is...mighty in strength”* (vs. 5-10)
 4. **JOB 9.14:** *“How then can I answer Him?”*
- B. The confusion of Job.
1. **JOB 9.15,20:** *“Though I were righteous...”*
 2. **JOB 9.21:** *“Yet I do not know myself.”* (2 Cor. 4.3-5)
 3. **JOB 9.15:** *“I would beg mercy of my Judge”*
(cf. James 5.11; 1 Cor. 10.13; Jonah 4.2; 2 Sam. 24.14)
 4. **JOB 9.33,34:** *“Nor is there any mediator between us.”*

II. A MEDIATOR TO BRIDGE THE GAP

- A. Today, we have a mediator.
1. **1 JOHN 2.1:** *“And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*
 2. **1 TIMOTHY 2.5:** *“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus”*
- B. How does Jesus help us as our Mediator?
1. **HEBREWS 4.14,15** As our Mediator, Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses.
 2. **HEBREWS 4.16:** As our Mediator, we can approach God in prayer and find mercy.

CONCLUSION: How incredible to have Jesus on our side!

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

THREE TRUTHS OF SIN

Sin is defined as breaking the laws of God (1 John 3.4). Sometimes people sin out of ignorance not being aware of God’s prohibitions (Ps. 19.12). Sometimes people sin willfully knowing full well that they are violating God’s commands (Heb. 10.26). Many have a misconception of sin. Consider these three truths regarding sin.

1. **SIN IN INDIVIDUAL.** Everyone is held accountable for their own sin (Ezek. 18.20). Many things are inherited from our parents. Sin is not one of them. Sometime we wish we can take on the sins of our loved ones, so they don’t have to suffer the consequences of their actions (Rom. 9.1-3). However, sin is individual.

2. **SIN IS AVOIDABLE.** Everyone sins, but sin does not have to be an inevitability. We sin because of the choices we make. John wrote his first epistle, *“so that you may not sin”* (1 John 2.1). James tells us that we are blessed if we endure temptations (James 1.12). That means that temptation can be endured.

3. **SIN IS CONSISTENT.** It does not matter if it is murder or a little white lie. All sin has the same consequence. All sin results in spiritual death (Rom. 6.23).

What is the solution? **ROMANS 8:1:** *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus”* CLP

YOU ARE NOW A NEW CREATION

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

INTRODUCTION:

1. Celebrities of yesterday have been has been's today.
2. In 1 Corinthians 6.9-11, Paul writes to people who used to be one way, but there was a massive change in these brethren.
3. You used to be a certain kind of person. But that old person you used to be is now a has been.

I. TWO OBSERVATIONS

- A. I cannot go to heaven if I am not right with God.
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.9:** *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?"*
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.9:** *"Do not be deceived."* Don't deceive yourselves and do be deceived by others.
 3. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.9,10:** A sampling of those who are not right with God. (cf. Heb. 13.4; 1 Cor. 7.2)
- B. I am never hopeless locked in a sinful condition.
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.11:** *"And such were some of you"*
 2. The people who lived in Corinth were people who lived the way the Holy Spirit described in verses 9,10.

II. THREE REASONS WE WERE CHANGED

- A. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.11:** *"But you were washed."*
 1. **ACTS 22.16:** *"baptized and wash away your sins"*
 2. **TITUS 3.4,5:** *"washing of regeneration"*
 3. **ACTS 2.38:** *"baptized for the remission of sins"*
- B. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.11:** *"But you were sanctified"*
 1. To be sanctified is to be set apart for God. (Ex. 13.1,12)
 2. Jesus suffered and died to set us apart removing every sin through baptism. (Eph. 5.25-27)
- C. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.11:** *"But you were justified"*
 1. **ROMANS 5.1:** *"Therefore, having been justified by faith"* I am no longer an enemy of God. (cf. James 4.4).
 2. **JAMES 2.21-24:** *"Was not Abraham our father justified by works"* What kind of works? (v. 18)
- D. You are not right with God because of what you did, but because of what Jesus did. (Rev. 1.5; Heb. 10.29; Rom. 5.9)

CONCLUSION: You can have heaven in your future if you allow God to make you a new creation through the blood of Jesus.

"COMPLAINING AND DISPUTING"

We are awestruck by Jesus Christ. He lived in heaven with the Father since before time began. Yet for our sakes, He humbled Himself leaving His eternal home and became a man of flesh and bones. He sacrificed Himself being crucified because of our sins that He might redeem us from every lawless deed. And now, God has exalted the humbled Savior who now sits at the right hand of His Father. Those thoughts presented in Philippians 2.5-11 lead us to the following conclusion in verses 12ff.

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed..." (Phil. 2.12). Because Christ was willing to give up so much to save those who are so undeserving, we need to be submissive and obedient to the will of God. Yet in spite of all that Christ has done for us, many still complain about the work they are called to do. Therefore Paul writes, *"Do all things without complaining and disputing"* (Phil. 2.14).

The word "complaining" describes a low murmuring that is just under the breath and barely audible. Children do this frequently when parents give their children chores or make them do their homework. Christians have responsibilities. We are commanded to worship on the first day of the week, pray often, study the word of God, encourage our brethren, etc., Yet instead of seeing our responsibilities as a blessing, we see them as a grudging obligation. We complain that it is too difficult, too time consuming, to inconvenient. Yet John wrote, *"And His commandments are not burdensome"* (1 John 5.3).

The word "disputing" comes from a Greek word that describes arguing and talking back with the one issuing commands. When we tell our children to take out the trash, they may argue back, "Why do I have to do it?" Is this the attitude of Christians who love God and want to keep His commandments? Do we argue and talk back to God when we find a task inconvenient? "Why does it have to be me?" "Why can't somebody else do it?" "Why do I have to do those things that seem so hard?"

It all comes down to attitude. Christ gave His life on the cross for our sins. He did not complain about it. He did not argue with God asking, "Why Me?" He willingly submitted to the will of God for us. **PHILIPPIANS 2.5:** *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"*

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