

THE BOOK OF JOB

JOB 15

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible tells us that it is our responsibility to correct brethren who are in error. But how? (Gal. 6.1; Col. 4.6).
2. Consider how Job was approached. (Job 4.7; 8.2; 11.6)
3. When a brother is in sin, a careful approach is essential.

I. ELIPHAZ CRITICIZED JOB'S SPEECH

- A. Breaking down the text.
 1. **JOB 15.1-6:** Job was speaking out of ignorance.
 2. This was not true. (Job 1.22; 2.20; 42.7)
- B. To correct, I need to first learn to listen.
 1. **JAMES 1.19:** “*swift to hear, slow to speak*”
 2. Be careful not to jump to conclusions. (Prov. 18.13)

II. ELIPHAZ CRITICISED JOB'S WISDOM

- A. Breaking down the text.
 1. **JOB 15.7-10:** Smarter than the world?
 2. **JOB 15.11-13:** Smarter than God? (Job 4.8; 8.5,6)
 3. **JOB 15.17-35:** Words of wisdom prove Job is guilty.
- B. To correct, I need to use the right standard.
 1. Sin is not defined by the world. (1 Cor. 1.20,21)
 2. Sin is not defined by the religious world. (Col. 2.23)
 3. Sin is defined by the Bible. (Heb. 5.14; 1 Pet. 4.11)

III. ELIPHAZ CRITICIZED JOB'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. Breaking down the text.
 1. **JOB 15.14-16:** No one is righteous in the eyes of God.
 2. Job never claimed to be sinless. (Job 13.26; 1.5; 42.8)
- B. To correct, I need to use the right definition.
 1. Bible makes me righteous. (Micah 6.8; 2 Tim. 3.17)
 2. Blood makes me righteous. (Rom. 5.17; 1 John 1.7)
 3. Belief makes me righteous. (Rom. 5.1)

CONCLUSION: It is easy to criticize. It is hard to praise.

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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”
-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

THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD

Love is one of those things that defy definition. The dictionary says that love is “a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person.” The Bible simply defines it like this: “*God is love*” (1 John 4.8). Whatever love is, it is consistent with the character and nature of God. Any definition of love which does not harmonize with the character of God cannot be accurate.

Because God is love, there is not a single person that has or will ever live whom God does not love. He demonstrated it by sending His Son to die on behalf of sinful man (John 3.16). You and I have been many things. We have been unworthy (1 Cor. 15.9). We have been undone (Isa. 6.5). We have been unclean (Eph. 5.5). We have been unkind (Eph. 4.32). We have been undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, and unmerciful (Rom. 1.31). We have been a lot of things, but we have never been unloved. **1 JOHN 4.10:** “*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*”

Is there anything we can do to repay God for His overabundant and sacrificial display of love? No. But we can live a lifetime of love by our faith and obedience. CLP

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SAVED BY SACRIFICE

ISAIAH 53:10

INTRODUCTION:

1. It isn't what we have sacrificed, but what was sacrificed for us that saves us. (Isa. 53.3-6)
2. **ISAIAH 53.10:** *"It pleased the LORD to bruise Him."* God was pleased that His desire to save man was accomplished in Jesus.

I. THE SACRIFICE OF GOD

- A. **JOHN 3.16:** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."* God sacrificed the life of His Son.
 1. Contextually, Jesus is having a conversation with Nicodemus about being born again. (John 3.3,5,8)
 2. Being born again puts us into the kingdom of God, but it was the sacrifice of God that made it possible. (v. 16)
- B. **JOHN 3.16:** *"that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*
 1. To believe is to obey. (John 3.36)
 2. "not believe" From the Greek Apeitheo meaning, "disobedience of God's will" [Thayer] (cf. Rom. 2.8)
 3. When I have a faith that obeys, I will not perish because of the sacrifice made by God. (John 3.16)

II. THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

- A. The book of Galatians teaches that we live not by the Law of Moses but by faith in Christ. (Gal. 1.1-4)
- B. **GALATIANS 2.20:** *"I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*
 1. Contextually, Paul writes about confronting Peter who was being hypocritical. (Gal. 2.11)
 2. Paul lived according to the Law of Moses which led him to now live by faith in Christ. (Gal. 2.19)
 3. Paul was no longer the man who lived under Judaism. That man was *"crucified with Christ."* (Gal. 2.20)
 4. Paul now lived *"by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (cf. 2 Cor. 5.7)

CONCLUSION: It is because of the sacrifice of God and the sacrifice of Jesus that makes me rich. (2 Cor. 8.9)

ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

In the account of the rich man and Lazarus, we read about Lazarus dying and being carried away to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16.22). What does it mean to be in Abraham's bosom?

The Bible tells us that the Day of Judgment is set. In Acts 17.31, we are told that God has *"appointed a day on which He will judge the world."* The word "appointed" comes from a Greek word that means "to set in place." God has set in place a day of judgment. If the Day of Judgment is already set to take place on a certain day, then what about all those who have died before that day? Where do the souls of those who have died go?

If we read this account of the rich man and Lazarus, we learn that there is a spiritual realm where the dead wait for the Judgment Day. This realm, known as Hades (Luke 16.23), is divided by a large gulf that cannot be crossed (Luke 16.26). On one side of the gulf is a place of torment (Luke 16.24). It is possible that this is the same place where the angels that sinned are kept (2 Pet. 2.4). On the other side is a place called Paradise. This is the place Jesus referenced when He said to one of the thieves on the cross, *"Today, you will be with Me in Paradise"* (Luke 23.43). It was here that He went for the three days that His body was in the grave (Acts 2.31). It is a place also known as Abraham's bosom (Luke 16.22)

To understand Abraham's bosom, let's take note of one verse in this account. The rich man being in torment asked Abraham to have Lazarus dip his finger in water and cool the rich man's tongue *"for I am tormented in this flame"* (Luke 16.24). Abraham explained that the reason why they are there is because he received good things in life while Lazarus did not. He then said this: *"but now he is comforted and you are tormented"* (Luke 16.25). From this we learn that Abraham's bosom is a place of comfort. To be in Abraham's bosom is to be in a place of great comfort.

When a child gets hurt, what is the first thing he does? He runs to be comforted in the arms of his mother or father. Lazarus had a difficult and rough life. God came to his side and answered his call for help gently placing him into the comforting arms of Abraham. Have you ever been distressed over life? Have you ever suffered loss? Have you ever felt emotional pain? As a faithful Christian, you have the hope of someday being comforted in the warm embrace of Abraham (Gal. 3.7).