

THE BOOK OF JOB
JOB 18

INTRODUCTION:

1. God does not see sin the same way we do. (Isa. 1.6).
2. Bildad begins his speech by criticizing Job.
 - a) Ignorance: *“Gain understanding”* (Job 18.1,2)
 - b) Insult: *“Why are we counted as beasts”* (Job 18.3)
 - c) Iniquity: *“You who tear yourself in anger”* (Job 18.4)
3. Chapter 18 is a speech about the end of the wicked. (Job 18.21)

I. ANALYZING BILDAD’S SPEECH

- A. Frustration: The wicked will not find success.
1. **JOB 18.7:** *“The steps of his strength are shortened, And his own counsel casts him down.”*
 2. The efforts of the wicked will be of no effect. (Ps. 33.10)
- B. Anticipation: The wicked expect their own destruction.
1. **JOB 18.10:** *“A noose is hidden for him on the ground, and a trap for him in the road.”* There is anticipation.
 2. **JOB 18.11:** *“Terrors frighten him on every side, And drive him to his feet.”* It is a fearful anticipation.
 3. The wicked know that judgment is coming. (Heb. 10.27)
- C. Destruction: The wicked will be completely destroyed.
1. **JOB 18.12:** *“destruction is ready at his side”*
 2. **JOB 18.13-19:** His destruction will be complete.

II. APPLYING THE TEXT

- A. Time and chance happen to us all.
1. God *“destroys the blameless and the wicked”* (Job 9.22).
 2. As much as we try to explain the sufferings of life, the only explanation is *“time and chance”* (Ecc. 9.1,2,11).
- B. The wicked are not always punished immediately.
1. No consequences means no deterrent. (Ecc. 8.11)
 2. No consequences changes our view of God. (Ps. 50.21)
 3. No consequences means no fear. (Isa. 57.11)

CONCLUSION: By improving your marriage, you can be a good

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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 7:00 PM

BLIND HEART AND SEEING EYES

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, “If I could only see the world, I would marry you.” One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked Her, “Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?” The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears, and days later wrote a note to her saying: “Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.”

Such a tragic story reveals the truth of the human condition. The sin sick soul cries in utter despair, *“Oh wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death”* (Rom. 7.24). Just as the young man made a sacrifice by giving his eyes so that another may see, so also did Christ give His life that we might have life. And like the girl who rejected her boyfriend, instead of embracing Christ, and His ways, many reject Him. CLP

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EXODUS 3:7

INTRODUCTION:

1. The character of an individual is sometimes captured in the name that they were given. (Ex. 2.10; 3.13,14)
2. In Exodus 3, the children of Israel were experiencing hardship.
 - a) **EXODUS 3:7:** “*oppression.*” It is the idea of affliction.
 - b) **EXODUS 3:7:** “*their cry*” Literally, cries for help.
 - c) **EXODUS 3:7:** “*sorrows.*”
3. All of their hardship was caused by the oppressive Egyptians who enslaved them. (Ex. 1.8,13,14)

I. GOD SEES OUR OPPRESSION

- A. **EXODUS 3:7:** “*I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt.*”
- B. Consider the church in Smyrna as an example.
 1. The church in Smyrna suffered from tribulation, poverty, and blasphemy. (Rev. 2.9)
 2. Jesus told them that “*I know.*”
- C. It is comforting to know that when I am distressed and suffering, God sees my sorrows. (Prov. 5.21; Heb. 4.13)

II. GOD HEARS OUR CRY

- A. **EXODUS 3:7:** “*...and have heard their cry*”
- B. Consider Hagar as an example.
 1. Sarah resented Hagar. (Gen. 16.1-4)
 2. God heard her cries. (Gen. 16.11-13)
- C. When I am troubled by life, I can go to God and know that He will hear me. (1 Pet. 3.12; Phil. 4.6)

III. GOD KNOWS OUR SORROWS

- A. **EXODUS 3:7:** “*for I know their sorrows.*”
- B. Consider King Ahab as an example.
 1. Ahab went to war with Syria, but disguised himself as a foot soldier to avoid harm. (1 Kings 22.29,30)
 2. Ahab was killed by a random arrow. (1 Kings 22.31-35)
- C. Though I may feel as if no one knows and understands my sorrows, God knows. (Ps. 147.3-5)

CONCLUSION: Not only is God aware of our troubles, but He delivers us from them. (Ex. 3.8; Heb. 13.5,6; John 8.34-36)

WHY ARE THERE FEW WHO ARE SAVED?

In Luke 13.23, one of the disciples of Jesus asked the question, “*Lord, are there few who are saved?*” The fact is that most people will not be saved. On more than one occasion, Jesus tells us that the gospel is extended to many, “*but few are chosen.*” That leads me to ask why. Does the fact that there are few saved indicate a failing on God’s part? Is He not capable of saving? Is the gospel an ineffective message? God tells us, “*Behold, the LORD’S arm is not shortened, that it cannot save*” (Isa. 59.1). So why are there few who are saved? The answer is quite simple. There are few who are saved because there are few who will choose to be saved.

In the last article, we looked at the command of Jesus to enter in by the narrow gate. He describes the way to eternal life as “*difficult*” and therefore, “*there are few who will find it*” (Matt. 7.13,14). There are only a few who will be saved because there are only a few who are willing to do what it takes to be saved. There is a second reason. There are few who are saved because they have heart disease.

In our day and age, heart disease is very common. The arteries get clogged making the heart work harder to pump the blood throughout the body. The heart is weak because we are not exercising and strengthening the muscle so that it beats more efficiently. Too much salt harden the arteries. But more commonly is a spiritual heart condition. Jesus tells us that all sin originates from the heart (Matt. 15.19,20).

In Luke 8, Jesus teaches the parable of the sower. In this parable, the seed being scattered is the word of God (Luke 8.11). The ground on which the seed is planted is the heart of man (Luke 8.15). Of the four different types of soil, only one type of soil produced any fruit. That means that in the parable, only 25% of those who heard the gospel were saved. Most people will not be saved, because they do not have a “*noble and good heart*” (Luke 8.15).

What does it mean that most people have a heart condition? If we turn to Matthew’s account, we are alerted to the context that prompted Jesus to teach this parable. As predicted by the prophet Isaiah, the scribes and Pharisees had ears that were “*hard of hearing*” (Matt. 13.15). In other words, they refused to listen to what their Bible said about Jesus. They are also described as having eyes that “*they have closed*” (Matt. 13.15). In other words, the evidence that Jesus was the Christ was right in front of them. But they closed their eyes and refused to see it. The scribes and Pharisees were not receptive. It was their unreceptive heart that moved Jesus to teach a parable about the heart of those who hear the gospel.

Most people will not be saved, because most people will not be receptive to the teaching of scripture. If you want to be among the saved, you must be willing to listen and accept the inspired word of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11.6). To have faith, you must hear the word of God (Rom. 10.17).