

**THE BOOK OF JOB**  
**JOB 8:1-22**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. When I am suffering, there are some things that I can expect to feel. (Job 7.7,16,19; 14.1)
2. After losing everything, Job was accused of incurring God's wrath. Now in chapter 8, Bildad has something to say to Job.
3. In times of struggle, I need to trust in God. (Ps. 11.1,4)

**I. TRUST IN GOD'S JUSTICE**

- A. God is always right in His judgments.
  1. **JOB 8.3:** *"Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?"* (Gen. 19.6,9; Ezek. 33.17)
  2. Bildad makes two applications. (Job 8.4-7)
- B. When I am hurting, I need to trust in God's justice.
  1. Jesus *"committed Himself to Him who judges righteously"* (1 Pet. 2.21,23)
  2. Others may condemn me, but God judges righteously.

**II. TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES**

- A. God always keeps His promises.
  1. **JOB 8.8:** *"For inquire, please, of the former age."*
  2. **JOB 8.9,10:** *"For we were born yesterday and know nothing"* The past teaches us. (Rom. 4.23,24)
- B. When I am hurting, I need to trust in God's promises.
  1. God promises to never leave me. (Heb. 13.5; Gen. 31.42)
  2. God promises to not overwhelm me. (1 Cor. 10.13,6,10)
  3. God promises something better to come. (Heb. 6.11-15)

**III. TRUST IN GOD'S RELIABILITY**

- A. God is always reliable.
  1. **JOB 8.10-13:** *"So are the paths of all who forget God"*
  2. **JOB 8.14-17:** The futility of trusting in the unreliable.
- B. When I am hurting, I need to remember that I can always count on God. (2 Chr. 16.12; 1 Tim. 6.17)

**CONCLUSION:** Trusting in God turns sorrow into joy. (Job 8.19-22)

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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**

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## PRAYING WITH DOUBTING

In a context of facing the testing of our faith, James writes that we are to pray for wisdom (James 1.5). He further describes the manner of our prayers. *"But let him ask in faith, without doubting"* (James 1.6). Why is it so important to pray without doubting? Let's make some observations.

The person who doubts is described as *"a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind"* (James 1.6). A wave has the highest point called the crest and the lowest point called the trough, and it is the wind that affects these two points. Like the wave, the person who doubts is one who wavers between a high point and a low point. He is divided within himself. He believes enough to pray but doubts enough to not expect to be heard. In his doubting, he wavers between hope and despair.

The person who doubts is also described as *"a double-minded man unstable in all his ways"* (James 1.8). He is double-minded. One the one hand, he believes. But then he turns around and doubts. His being unstable in his prayers is probably also found in all of his ways.

What can a person who does not pray in faith expect? **JAMES 1.7:** *"For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."* CLP

## WHAT IS WORSHIP?

### PSALM 57:7

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Worship can be challenging. It is hard to maintain focus.
2. Psalm 57 can help us improve our worship to God. Two parts:
  - a) Psalm 57.1-4: Words of Prayer.
  - b) Psalm 57.5-11: Words of Praise.
3. Worship is not just something we do. How can we get better?

#### I. WORSHIP IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE HEART

- A. The psalmist worshipped God from the core of his being.
  1. Three times he references his soul. (Ps. 57.1,4,6)
  2. The soul refers to that which gives life. (Gen. 2.7; 1.30)
  3. Twice he references his heart. (Ps. 57.7)
- B. When we worship God, we are to do so from the heart.
  1. **JOHN 4.24:** *“must worship in spirit and truth.”*
  2. **EPHESIANS 5.19:** *“making melody in your heart”*
  3. **COLOSSIANS 3.16:** *“singing with grace in your hearts”*

#### II. WORSHIP IS AN EXPRESSION TO GOD

- A. The psalmist directed his worship to God.
  1. **PSALM 57.1,2:** *“I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me.”*
  2. **PSALM 57.9:** *“I will praise You, O Lord”* (Adonai)
- B. When we worship, we are to do so from the heart to God.
  1. **JOHN 4.24:** *“those who worship Him”*
  2. **1 PETER 2.5:** *“spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God”*
  3. **REVELATION 22.9:** *“Worship God”*

#### III. WORSHIP IS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

- A. The psalmist expressed gratitude to God.
  1. **PSALM 57.3:** *“He shall send from heaven and save me”*
  2. **PSALM 57.7-9:** *“My heart is steadfast, O God.”* He could not help but express gratitude for what God did.
- B. When we worship, we are to do with a heart of gratitude.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.30:** *“And when they had sung a hymn”*
  2. **1 CORINTHIANS 14.15-17:** *“I will sing with the spirit”*
  3. **EPHESIANS 5.19:** *“singing...giving thanks”*

**CONCLUSION:** Too many see worship as boring. We can do better when we understand worship.

## WORDS OF PRAISE

In reference to the tongue, James writes, *“With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God...these things ought not to be so”* (James 3.9,10). This passages tells us that we are not supposed to bless God and then turn around and curse men. Instead, we are to use the tongue to bless men.

The word “bless” in this verse is from the Greek word “eulogia.” This is where we get our word “eulogy.” Literally, it means to speak well of someone. A eulogy is when you stand up and say good things about the person who passed away. Just as we are to speak well of God, we are also to speak well of people. How can you speak well of God and then want someone who was made in the image of God to be cursed?

The apostle Paul wrote, *“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers”* (Eph. 4.29). Never say anything about someone else unless it builds them up. Never be destructive. Always say things that are constructive. What a challenge that can be! Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we made sure that every word that we spoke was positive in reference to how we speak to and about others?

The Hebrew writer wrote, *“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name”* (Heb. 13.15). We are to use our tongue to speak well of others, but what about using our tongue to speak well of God? The word “praise” in this verse translates a word that means “applause.” Let us offer to God a standing ovation. We are to do this continually. This is not something that we do only on Sunday morning. This praise it to be *“the fruit of our lips.”* In other words, we praise God with our words. God wants us to use our words to express how we feel about Him. What a great way to use our words.

**PROVERBS 18.21:** *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”* What you say is powerful, and what you say can breathe life into someone. You can bring the gospel to the lost or you can destroy the faith of your brethren. So choose your words carefully because what you say also can sap the life out of someone. If you lift someone up with words of kindness and love, you lift up yourself as well.

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