

....Who Will Make Me a Liar ~

Job 24:1 – 26:7

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~ In spite of modern-day technologies and advanced opportunities to easily learn sound doctrine properly, correctly and completely, we have the single most Biblically illiterate, religiously brain-washed, and otherwise flagrantly ignorant generation of Christians than at any time in world history. Theologians and scientists alike make seemingly authoritative statements concerning everything from prophecy to the events of four billion years ago; and yet, they can't locate the Book of Ezra without an index. They certainly don't know what will happen tomorrow. They may kid themselves and dazzle the unlearned and gullible; but you are reading the writings of a man who is very skeptical. I don't believe them; because I just happen to know that many of the conclusions they purport as scientific evidence are false dichotomies, biased opinion, or just plain manufactured data.

Frankly, I get a little tired of the grossly laughable assumption of knowledge most people in religious circles profess; but they can in no way sustain or maintain their theology — and they generally just block me on social media if I dare challenge them Scripturally. They typically resort to personal insults, of course. I'm sure they feel they have mastered the first chapter of Genesis; and perhaps they have — but let's consider a proper, correct and complete Biblical perspective of creation according to the Book of Job, shall we? If Moses were here today and witnessed the ridiculous statements being made concerning creation and the law, I'm sure he would wonder how they know so much more than he did.

In our last report, we began to examine Job's answer to Eliphaz; and chapter twenty-three brought Job's first expressed desire to find God. Remember, Eliphaz said, "... *acquaint now thyself with Him.*" That was a nice Gospel invitation right here in the Old Testament — but Job already knew God as his Redeemer — Job called God his Redeemer; and God already knew Job. What Job cannot understand is what is happening to him in his world. Job needs help, comfort and light from Heaven very badly at this

moment. These three miserable comforters haven't even come close to providing that.

Eliphaz stooped to slander in our last report. See, human nature preconceives and fabricates all manner of falsehoods when they don't have all the facts. Obviously, Job was suffering; so their only conclusion was that God was punishing him for some secret sin. We know that is completely untrue because God already told us Job was perfect, upright, a man who hated evil and did not sin with his lips. So, the understanding of these three men is premised on a completely wrong assumption – made in abject ignorance. All three “*friends*” have attempted to ferret out the elusive secret sin in Job's life because, as we have seen, they really just wanted a confession for which they could stone Job.

That's where this report picks up; and Eliphaz's false allegations have only caused Job to become even more combative and defensive — to the point where Job is now asking “.... *why is God so exacting with me?*” Job sees the lives of others who are far more sinful than himself — and openly sinful, by the way — and Job simply has to have an answer. Well, I am almost willing to say I have heard it asked a thousand times: why did God allow such-and-such to happen to me? I see people in Christian circles who are on top of the world one day — quoting Scripture and praising God — and trying to pull themselves from the depths of despair the next day. Those are always the people who think they are such fine, upstanding “*Christians,*” too – and they think they can easily point out the wickedness in others – what fools....

XXIV

¹ Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

² Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

³ They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

6 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

~ We have a whole lot of people “*removing landmarks*” today; and, in a nutshell, that means they are dishonest in their dealings. These are the ones who replace time-tested and sensical benchmarks with fraudulent perversions of the truth. To “*violently take away flocks*” means to steal and take advantage by depriving other people of their needs. So many people turn the needy out of the way — even while they give and donate obscene

amounts of money to the wrong causes — causes that make them feel like they're pretty good people. This is, actually, the number one problem in so-called Christian giving.

Eliphaz recognized that those who lie and commit adultery, and those who are evil, in general, seem to prosper more than the righteous do. The wicked seem to live their life and quietly go to the grave — just like everyone else does — but never appear to experience hardships in this life. That was extremely troubling to Job; and, I'll be honest, because I am always honest with you readers, it bothers me, too. Perhaps it bothers you? The evil man seems to be not only immune from justice, but actually favored by the world above a Godly man. A man in Job's condition certainly has the right to question these things....

XXV

¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

² Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

³ Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light surpass?

⁴ How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

⁵ Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

⁶ How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

~ Bildad has all the right questions — but none of the right answers. As we have seen so far in this book, none of Job's three "friends" had the right answers; because they did not know God, they did not know Job, and they didn't know themselves. They didn't have a clue what God was doing in Job's life. Thankfully, we're finished hearing from Bildad, Eliphaz and

Zophar, because we've suffered through enough of their vitriol. They have demonstrated they are incapable of providing meaningful help for Job. I think the light is beginning to dawn on Bildad; and that's why he cut his final comment short. Unfortunately, we're going to discover later in our safari through the Book of Job that Job doesn't understand God or himself, either; even though he certainly does have a great faith in God – in spite of his woefully limited understanding.

In all fairness, Bildad was a thoughtful and intelligent man. Bildad is definitely wondering to himself why Job doesn't break under this crushing bombardment of accusation they have just assaulted him with! Bildad's entire premise was that the ungodly could never maintain their integrity under the arguments that the three friends have dished out – so, Bildad is discovering that Bildad is completely wrong. Job has stood up and counter-argued each charge that has been leveled against him. Bildad knows that if there had been some rotten spot in Job's life, it would have been exposed by the preceding onslaught. So, Bildad goes away highly confused. My estimation is Bildad's faith was utterly shipwrecked by this visit to his friend Job.

Remember, Bildad is the traditionalist who always reverts back to what he learned when he was young. Bildad is the self-appointed scientist who puts on a white coat and a pair of pince-nez glass — while placing every situation in a test tube and speaking ex-cathedra — and he believes the experiments will reach the same conclusion every time. As a result, Bildad assumes the world will have to listen to him. Unfortunately, Bildad could not have been more wrong, or further away from the truth. His method might sell laundry detergent or toothpaste; but I'm not buying their religious theories of ages gone by. We have many, many, *MANY* people who are literally brainwashing others with this method; because it's very easy to sucker suckers. But let's move along.

Bildad has an exalted awareness of God; there's no question about that. God is undeniably the Supreme Ruler; but Job just happens to already know that! Bildad should have, actually, asked these questions a long time ago. They are great questions and Bildad has his own answers; but there are some things that only the Lord Jesus Christ has the answers to. Bildad is

correct about the moon and stars; because we have since discovered the moon is a pretty dirty and dusty place – covered with volcanic ash. Outer space isn't a good place for a family picnic, friends. It may look romantic from down here but, up there – not so much! This entire universe is in a holy mess today – even the stars are not pure in God's sight. Bildad also gets one more thing correct in verse six; man didn't "evolve" from a worm – man *IS* a worm. The thing Bildad doesn't have the right answer to is why Job is suffering as he is. I know many people don't like that – and I understand – because most people do not like the Bible taught properly, correctly and completely....

XXVI

¹ But Job answered and said,

² How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

³ How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

⁴ To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

⁵ Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

⁶ Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

⁷ He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

~ The modern cliché is: "Jesus is the answer." Well, perhaps – but it depends on what the question is. Now, if the question is, "... how can a man be cleansed from his sins and clean in the sight of God?" – Then, yes, Jesus is the answer; but if the question is, "... how can I get a ticket to the football game?" – Well, I really don't think Jesus is the answer to that

question. Maybe you do? You have every right to be wrong and, my friends, you're dead wrong if you disagree here.

Interestingly, much study has been made about the stars in the northern regions; and how there is a seemingly empty place in space over the North Pole. Only a very high-powered telescope can see those particular stars. Well, apparently, God can just reach out and cover things to our present cognizance and create what we perceive as "*empty space*." Space is a creation of God, of course; the space between the stars in the sky and the cars on the road seems like, well, nothing, but it *IS* something. I don't profess to know what it is — but I know it's not "*nothing*" — it's definitely something. I feel like it could be some sort of lubricant that keeps everything from rubbing together — who knows? Turn all of that over in your mind and see what you come up with.

Further, Job seemed to understand the concept of outer-space and that the earth hangeth upon nothing. Who told Job the earth hung upon nothing? Even gravity is the same on opposite ends of the earth; so, it isn't all pulling the same direction. Out in space, there's no gravitational pull. The logical question to follow is: which way is down, and which way is up? See, by the Lord Jesus were all things made, and by Him, all things consist! Only God has our answers, friends — you can just write that down.

So, our Spiritual Safari ends this leg of our expedition with no good or meaningful answers from Bildad, Eliphaz or Zophar — or even Job. A whole lot of things have been said — many of them should not have been said but, either way, nothing relevant or helpful has been realized. Since these three men cannot answer Job's questions, they cannot help him at all. Good questions — and even proper suppositions — are useless without good answers, friends. Job's soul is now being laid bare; and we're going to get to that in the next several reports. In the rest of our reports from the Book of Job, we're going on a marvelous safari march to see utterly amazing truths — I can promise you that — and I hope you can travel along with us ~

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