



Retributive Punishment

Memory Text: Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? Job 11:7

More Accusations

SUNDAY: November 6

Key Passage(s): Job 8:1-22

1. Last week we studied Eliphaz <0464> comments to Job. His name meant “my God is (fine) gold. This week we study Bildad’s comments to Job. What does Bildad <1085> mean and how does his name relate to Job's
2. ordeal? (See Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance)

2. What false accusations does Bildad continue that Eliphaz started? Job 8:3-6

3. Bildad’s illustration of the rush and the spider’s web is making what point? Job 8:11-14

4. Who ultimately is Bildad blaming for Job's situation? Job 8:20

5. (Discussion) Do we do the same thing as Bildad? When a natural disaster takes place is the first thought on our minds this is a judgment from the Almighty against this or that? How do the stories of Elijah in the cave and Abraham's pleadings for Sodom help us in our understanding calamity for individuals and people?

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Less Than Your Iniquity Deserves

MONDAY: November 7

Key Passage(s): Job 11:1-20

1. What does Zophar <1085>, Job's third friend who came to rebuke and comfort him, mean and how does Zophar's name relate to Job's situation? (See Strong's Exhaustive Concordance) Psalm 102:7

2. What was Job's doctrine? Job 11:2-5

3. What was Zophar and Job's other friends doctrine? Job 11:6

4. Did Zophar correctly understand justification; how man's sins are forgiven? Job 11:13-16.

5. (Discussion) Is it possible to paint the wrong picture of God with right doctrine?

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Divine Retribution

TUESDAY: November 1

Key Passage(s): Job 11:20, Genesis 6

1. What was Zophar's understanding of what happens to the wicked? Job 11:20. Was he right?

2. Which event may have shaped Zophar and Job's other friends understanding about God's judgments? Genesis 6:3, 5-8

3. Which other event shows another possible link in the chain of understanding about God's judgments around the time of Job? Genesis 18:20-32, 19:24

4. (Discussion) Is not killing a part of His commandments? Is His commandments not a transcript of His character? Could God violate His own character and kill man? Isaiah 28:21; Matthew 22:37-40

NOTES:

If the Lord Creates a New Thing

WEDNESDAY: November 9

Key Passage(s): Numbers 16:1-35

1. In the OT, priests were to be from the tribe of Levi. Whose descendants were Dathan and Abiram? Numbers 16:1

2. Korah, a son of Levi, assigned to the ministry of music, decided to assume responsibilities outside of his God given duties. What declaration do they make about themselves and the congregation? Numbers 16:3

3. What does Moses have them do? Numbers 16:6, 7

4. How did God prove to the children of Israel that Moses was just instructing the congregation what He wished of them? Numbers 16:31-35

5. (Discussion) What was the new thing? Is God always in or supportive of new things?

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The Second Death

THURSDAY: November 3

Key Passage(s): Revelation 20:6,14, Revelation 21:8, 2 Peter 3:9

1. What is the second death? Revelation 20:14

2. Who does it not have power over? Revelation 20:6

3. Who will be partakers of the second death? Revelation 21:8

4. How does God treat those who are in rebellion against Him? 2Peter 3:9

5. (Discussion) Are we living in a time of retributive judgment? Those who misrepresent trials as judgments, who will ultimately deal with characters like Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar?

“It is very natural for human beings to think that great calamities are a sure index of great crimes and enormous sins; but men often make a mistake in thus measuring character. We are not living in the time of retributive judgment. Good and evil are mingled, and calamities come upon all. Sometimes men do pass the boundary line beyond God’s protecting care, and then Satan exercises his power upon them, and God does not interpose. Job was sorely afflicted, and his friends sought to make him acknowledge that his suffering was the result of sin, and cause him to feel under condemnation. They represented his case as that of a great sinner; but the Lord rebuked them for their judgment of His faithful servant.” — Ellen G. White Comments, The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 3, p. 1140.

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