



Innocent Blood

Memory Text: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Job's Protest

SUNDAY: November 13

Key Passage(s): Job 10

1. How does Job feel about life and what is he embarking on in Job 10:1?

2. What does Job say of his spiritual condition and who does he give the credit for his condition? Job 10:7,8

3. How does Job describe his mental state and why is he in that mental state? Job 10:13-15

4. Knowing life is short, what request does Job make now unto God? Job 10:20-22

5. (Discussion) Job says in verse 8, after sharing that God was his Creator, “yet thou destroy me.” Did Job have it right that God destroys? Where did Job get it wrong in this situation?

NOTES:

“I will destroy” texts: Genesis 6:7, 6:13; Psalm 145:20, 37:38; Isaiah 42:14; Jeremiah 15:7, 46:8; Ezekiel 25:7, 28:16, 34:16; Amos 9:8

“The power and authority of the divine government will be employed to put down rebellion; yet all the manifestations of retributive justice will be perfectly consistent with the character of God as a merciful, long-suffering, benevolent being.” The Great Controversy, p. 541.2

“The Lord is regarded as cruel by many in requiring His people to make war with other nations. They say that it is contrary to His benevolent character. But He who made the world, and formed man to dwell upon the earth, has unlimited control over all the works of His hands, and it is His right to do as He pleases, and what He pleases with the work of His hands. Man has no right to say to his Maker, Why doest Thou thus? There is no injustice in His character. He is the Ruler of the world, and a large portion of His subjects have rebelled against His authority, and have trampled upon His law.... He has used His people as instruments of His wrath, to punish wicked nations, who have vexed them, and seduced them into idolatry.” Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 1, Ellen G. White, p. 1117.2

If God does not destroy then what makes the destruction of the wicked strange in Isaiah 28:21?

OTHER NOTES:

Innocent Blood?

MONDAY: November 14

Key Passage(s): Psalm 94:21, Romans 5:12, 1John 3:4, James 4:17, Matthew 27:24

1. In 19 verses of the Bible the term innocent blood is used. What does the phrase "innocent blood" mean? Psalm 94:21

2. When is the innocence of man broken? Romans 5:12

3. What is sin and when do the innocent become guilty and lose innocence? 1John 3:4; James 4:17

4. How does Pilate help us to know what the term innocent blood means? Matthew 27:24

5. (Discussion) Is the phrase innocent blood in opposition to the false concept of original sin?

Notes:

Unfair Fates

TUESDAY: November 15

Key Passage(s): Job 15:14-16

1. What is Eliphaz's point? Job 15:14, 16

2. Who are these saints that Eliphaz uses to contrast with the condition of man? Job 15:15, Jude 14

3. Why does Eliphaz contrast the saints above with man?

4. What is the "fire of God" which we face in this life? What's the purpose of the furnace? Job 1:16; 1Peter 1:7; Isaiah 48:10

5. (Discussion) How do we survive the furnace of affliction?

NOTES:

Sufficient for the Day ...

WEDNESDAY: November 16

Key Passage(s):

1. What does the phrase “sufficient unto the day” mean? Matthew 6:34

2. What is “the evil thereof “ that comes from tomorrow? Matthew 6:30

3. How should Christians take afflictions? 2Corinthians 4:17

4. (Discussion) Did God recognize His afflicted people in the past? Acts 7:34. What is God’s plan for us in light of afflictions?

NOTES:

Things Not Seen

THURSDAY: November 17

Key Passage(s):

1. Even though we don't understand why many things happen in the world today, as Job didn't understand why he was suffering, what can we do? Proverbs 3:5

2. Why should we not lean on our own understanding? Jeremiah 17:9

3. Where can we go for understanding? Psalm 147:5

4. (Discussion) How can God's Word which we can see, help us to understand things that we can't see? Romans 10:17

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