

# **“The Soul of the Wounded Crieth Out”**

## **Job 24**

This is the second part of Job’s response to Eliphaz. The first part we saw in the last message from the book of Job, and it dealt with Job’s view of God. In this chapter we find Job once again addressing the misconception that wicked people suffer, and good people don’t. He points out again that just observing mankind proves his point and there is no argument against it.

The text for the title of this message is found in verse 12, and is very fitting to show that, although God seems to have turned a blind eye to the wicked on earth, He will one day bring it back upon them in eternity (verse 1 points to this fact – a fact those that know Him should be aware of but often are not).

### **I. THEY CRY OUT BECAUSE OF THE OPPRESSION OF THE WICKED – VS. 1-12, 21-22**

***A. The first verse of this chapter is the most puzzling and has been widely interpreted by many. It is the key to the chapter however, for those of us who “know” the Almighty – for those of us who are saved – in understanding what will happen to the wicked – in understanding that God knows what will happen to them, and we should know this and accept His sovereignty.***

***B. The chapter through verse 12, and verses 21 and 22, describe some of the most awful treatment imaginable by***

***those that have power and authority and are wicked, and use that power to bring pain and misery upon those under them. This is seen in many parts of the world today, in dictatorships where oppression is overwhelming.***

***C. Those that are seen crying out are not necessarily the saved, and they are not being persecuted for their faith – it is a general truth of many oppressive governments down through history, as well as oppressive people even in non-oppressive countries (there are some in this country that treat people this way).***

## **II. THEY CRY OUT BECAUSE NOTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING TO THE WICKED – VS. 13-17**

***A. Again, this is a common plea of many – and has been given earlier in the book of Job, even by Job himself.***

***B. One of the most unique points these verses make is in verse 13 where it says that these wicked people "rebel against the light":***

1. They rebel against literal light – that is, they would rather do their wicked deeds in the dark, either literally, or figuratively, where the dark represents things done in secret;

**John 3:19**

***19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.***

2. They rebel against the light of God's Word;

2 Corinthians 4:4

<sup>4</sup> In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

3. They rebel against the light of their own consciousness.

Romans 1:18-19

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

***C. These verses show that the wicked think themselves above the law, so to speak, and are not afraid to do the vilest of crimes both in the open and in the dark – and the wounded cry out for help.***

**III. THEY CRY OUT FOR GOD TO PUNISH THE WICKED – vs. 18-20, 23-24**

***A. One thing is for certain, their end is coming – vs. 18-20.***

***B. And, their end is forever – vs. 23-24.***

Conclusion: In verse 25 Job points out that no matter what his friends think of him, they cannot make him a liar on these points – the truth of what he just said (in chapter 23 as well) cannot be

refuted.

We are going to be wounded. Those around us are going to be wounded – whether saved or lost, they will be wounded. As verse 1 shows, those that know the Almighty need to be aware of what is going on around them so they can be in a place to help when someone is wounded and crying out for help.