

“How Hast Thou Helped Him . . .?”

Job 25:1-26:14

Chapter 25 is Bildad’s last discourse with Job – and it is the shortest. It only makes one point – that God is so much greater than all of creation and that man can never be justified with Him. And, on his own, that of course is true. However, God made a way we could be justified in His eyes – the substitutionary death of Christ for man’s sin.

This discourse, and Job’s subsequent response in chapter 26, shows us what desperate state mankind is in without the work of Christ, and how discouraging just that portion of the message about God really is, if we don’t give the message of hope of Christ.

Job asks Bildad a simple question (26:2) – “How hast thou helped him that is without power?” What have you done to aid those in need? By application, we can put a spiritual tone to this question and ask ourselves if we have done what we can to bring people out of the darkness of sin into the strength and power of Christ.

I. THE DESPERATE CONDITION OF MAN – JOB 25

A. Bildad makes the point in verses 2 and 3 that God is far greater and far more powerful than anything man could ever be.

B. Based upon that truth, he asks the question, “How then can man be justified with God?” The answer is simply, there is no way, humanly speaking, for a

created, finite being, to ever stand in God's presence perfect.

Psalm 130:3

³ If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Psalm 143:1-2

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

² And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Romans 3:19-20

¹⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

C. The last two verses of the chapter point to the absolute purity and holiness in God, and that, compared to Him, even the moon and the stars are "not pure in his sight" – and, again, that being the case, how can we be justified with God? How can we be brought to a place of holiness and purity in His sight?

**II. THE DISCOURAGING COMMENTS WITHOUT HOPE
– JOB 26:1-4**

A. Job's reply to Bildad's last discourse was the longest yet – extending through chapter 31.

B. His initial reply is found in these 4 verses, where Job points out how discouraging his friends have been, and how pathetic life is if lived, based on what they had said.

C. In verses 2-3, Job asks Bildad how, based on what he has said (and, in a larger degree, this is given to all three of his friends), has he been of any assistance to not only Job but anyone that needed help? They are seen as:

1. "Without power" – power of themselves to change their circumstances;
2. "Hath no strength" – strength of themselves to withstand the circumstance;
3. "Hath no wisdom" – wisdom of themselves to understand and cope with the circumstance.

D. Verse 4 – Job asks Bildad who he has been speaking to – because what he has said (as well as what the other two had been saying) has been so discouraging as to cause deep depression and he wanted to know who told him to say it for it certainly couldn't have come from the Lord.

III. THE DECLARED COMPREHENSION OF WHO GOD IS – VS. 5-14

A. There is no place where God is not – even “hell,” or the grave, as it is in this case, is a place that God is aware of (the reference to “destruction” is that that deals with the body being destroyed in death) – vs. 5-6.

B. Verses 7-13 once again point out the fact of creation and the sustaining of that creation and show how great our God really is.

1. Verse 7 – God created the earth out of nothing, and it “hangs” on nothing.
2. Verse 8 speaks of clouds and how they can pile to many miles high and still not let loose of any rain until God is pleased to allow it.
3. Verse 9 – A beautiful picture of the heavens, as if you could see the very throne of God if it weren’t for the clouds.

Psalm 19:1

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

4. Verse 10 is a reference to the globular aspect of the earth – when the horizon is viewed it would appear to be a circle and, if one could see far enough, you could see where day and night meet (or “come to an end”) – again, this is pointing to the manifold power of God.
5. Verses 11-13 – more about the power of God.

C. Verse 14 ends this particular section with a wonderful statement – “How little a portion is heard of him.” Put all that has been said of God and of His power (seen in creation) from the beginning of time and it would be considered a “little portion” of what He really is.

Conclusion: Without the hope of Christ, we would be a miserable people, and life would seem worthless. But thank God for grace!!!