Bible Study 34

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The Book of Job (continued)

Job covered in sores laments his own birth in a long oracle in chapter 3. In chapter 2 three of Job’s long time friends come by to comfort him---Eliphaz, Bildad and Shu-hite. After Job’s lament in chapter 3 Eliphaz gives a long speech.

In summary Eliphaz says that if Job is innocent then he will survive, and God will bless him once again. But if he is guilty then he will be cursed forever and perish as all bad men do. Eliphaz just does the whole of chapter 4 & 5 to say it.

“Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple. I myself have seen a fool taking root, but suddenly his house was cursed.”

Job replies to his friends in chapter 6. It is in the form of a prayer to God.

“If only my anguish could be weighed and all my misery placed on a scales. It would surely outweigh the sands of the sea.”

Job can all too well describe his suffering and he confesses how hard it is. He knows too that it is God who has sent it.

Despite all of this he has a slight hope. He acknowledges that his friends are no good to him. Job searches for some sign of hope or salvation.

“Teach me and I will be quiet, show me where I have been wrong.” 6:24.

In chapter 7 Job begins a long examination of the nature of man and why he suffers the way that he does.

“What is Man that you make so much of him? That you give him so much attention. That you examine him every morning and test him every moment.”

Job simply does not know why God is watching him so closely.

Read 5 & 6 & 7