

## **Job #23 – Prayer and Wisdom**

### **I. In verse 2 we see Job makes an oath – As the Lord Lives**

- A. Some think Christians can't do this- Matthew 5:34; James 5:12
  - 1. These scriptures forbid taking oath by anything other than God
  - 2. An oath is a commanded part of worship – Jeremiah 4:2

### **II. Look at Some Truths About Prayer From Chapter 27:7 - 12**

- A. Scriptures teach that not only godly, but ungodly and hypocrites pray
  - 1. I Kings 18:26; Mark 12:38 – 40; Luke 18:10-12; Matthew 6:5
- B. Verse 8 can be translated either “hypocrite” or “godless”
- C. These verses show differences between prayer of godly and hypocrite
- D. V. 9–Hypocrites prayer is generally a cry-only pray in dire circumstances
  - 1. Jon. 1:4, 5; Is. 16:12; Is. 26:16; Even Pharaoh- Ex. 8:8; 10:17
    - a. Jer. 12:2 – God is near in their mouth, but far from their heart
  - 2. Godly will at times cry - Ps. 34:6; Ps. 3:4
    - a. But Godly pray in all seasons–I Th.. 5:17; Lu. 18:1; 1 Sm. 12:23
      - 1. Not only pray at all times but earnestly seek Him- Ps. 63:1
- E. V. 10- Difference in the manner or form of prayer of the ungodly
  - 1. Matt. 5:7- “Empty Phrases” or “Vain repetitions”- Greek = to stutter
    - a. I Kings 18:26; Acts 19:34; Godly pray rationally- Is. 43:26
  - 2. Ungodly take delight in answer – godly take delight in God
    - a. Phil. 3:1; 4:4; Psalm 37:4; Habakkuk 3:17, 18
  - 3. Godly persevere in prayer – but ungodly give up – Luke 18:1 – 8
    - a. Ephesians 6:18 – We pray because we are in Him- Acts 17:28
    - b. Even if hypocrites get what they ask for-they don't continue to pray

### **III. Let us Look at Truths About Wisdom From Chapter 28**

- A. Job says this chapter that God's wisdom is unsearchable- Rom. 11:33
  - 1. Job's friends have acted like God's ways are easily understood
- B. Vs. 1- 10- Even the richest things of the earth can be found by man
  - 1. 4 metals in vs.1, 2 also in Nebuchadnezzar's dream-Dan. 2:34, 35
  - 2. Also ones God uses to speak of purifying His church Is. 60:16, 17
- C. Vs. 9-11- Precious is to be separated from vile- Ph. 1:9, 10
- D. V. 11- Hidden things are brought to light- but not all things- Deut. 29:29
  - 1. But many things are revealed to those who seek- Matt. 7:6
- E. But in verse 12 Job asks – But Where is wisdom to be found?
  - 1. Like silver/gold,not easily found, but must be searched for-Prov. 2:4, 6
  - 2. We have advantage over Job because we have a mine- all scriptures
  - 3. Do we seek for God's wisdom in them diligently? Ps. 19:9 – 11
- F. Vs. 13-19- Wisdom can't be bought with money – Acts 8:18 - 21
- G. Vs. 20-28- True wisdom can be found- and God shows how and where
  - 1. Ungodly people are able to find out natural wisdom – inventions etc.
    - a. But even that wisdom is given by God- Is. 28:24 - 26
  - 2. But the ungodly are not able to find spiritual wisdom
    - a. I Cor. 2:14; Matthew 11:25; Psalm 73:16, 17; 2 Cor. 4:4
  - 3. V. 23, 28- True wisdom is only found in Christ – Col. 2:4, 5
  - 4. V. 28 – It begins with fear of God- becoming a fool- I Cor. 3:18

**Conclusion:** True Wisdom Seeks God in Prayer and in the Word