

Job #15 (Chapters 15 and 16) Thoughts, Words, Deeds

Job's 3 Friends and their second round of speeches – I Cor. 14:29

I. First, Let us Look at our Thoughts

- A. First notice some remarks that Eliphaz says about wisdom (15:7-10)
 - 1. 15:7, 8- Eliphaz rightly links age to wisdom– says Job isn't old enough
 - a. Not first man or before the hills – Prov. 8:23-25; Ps. 90:1, 2
- B. Even if we are wise – there are things beyond our human wisdom (V. 8)
 - 1. II Cor. 12:3, 4; Romans 11:34; - Eternity, origin of evil, predestination
- C. V. 10 – Should learn more things as we get older – become wiser
 - 1. Apparently Job's three friends all older than he is
- D. In regards to thoughts sin begins in our hearts (15:12, 13) (Prov. 4:23)
 - 1. If our heart is corrupt- we will be corrupt (Prov. 6:24, 25; Matt 5:28)
- E. V. 12 -If our thoughts are wrong our eyes will wink – different ideas
 - 1. Winking is linked to pride – Ps. 35:19; Prov. 6:12, 13
 - 2. Also could be hypocrisy or light attitude towards sin (“Wink at it”)
- F. V. 13 – Worst thing about our thoughts is if spirit turned away from God
 - 1. Then we see our hearts let “Words go out from our mouth” – v. 13

II. Then Let Us Look at Principles about our words– (15:1-6; 16:1-5)

- A. Both Job and Eliphaz condemn vain words (15:2; 16:3)
 - 1. Vain in Hebrew is the same word for wind or Spirit (Ruach)
 - a. Saying speakers are full of hot air (Jeremiah 5:13)
 - 2. Words are vain if they are unprofitable- Matthew 6:7; Eph. 4:29
 - a. They should edify – Job 15:3; Col. 4:6- minister grace
 - 3. Words are vain if they are “idle words”- Matthew 12:36, 37
- B. 16:4 – Words should not be those that stir up wrath – Prov. 15:18
- C. 15:4 – Words should be those that stir to prayer and fear of God
 - 1. Terrible thing when fear of God is gone – Gen. 20:11; Prov. 1:28, 29
 - 2. Eliphaz could be accusing Job of making too much prayer-Luke 20:47
 - 3. Wrong attitude towards providence can hinder our prayers–2 Ki. 6:33
- D. If our hearts are sinful, our words will betray that fact – Matt. 12:34
 - 1. Isaiah 32:6; I John 4:5- Also if our hearts are righteous – Psalm 45:1
- E. 15:6 – We are judged by our words – Matthew 12:36, 37; Luke 19:22

III. Then Let us Look at Principles about our Deeds

- A. 15:14 – 16- Eliphaz once again speaks of the depravity of man
 - 1. Man cannot be pure- He is abominable and corrupt (Filthy, rotten)
 - a. Word for filthy only here and in Psalm 53:3 and 14:3
- B. V. 16 - We drink iniquity like water –Tells us different things about deeds
 - 1. Sinning like drinking is something natural and innate to us
 - 2. Sinning like drinking gives us a great deal of pleasure
 - 3. Sinning like drinking is not something that takes a lot of work
 - 4. Sinning like drinking is something that we do often
 - 5. As natural man is sustained by drinking – body of sin sustained by sin

Conclusion: 15:11 – When we sin in these areas we need comfort

- A. The only true comfort we can receive is from God – 2 Cor. 7:6
- B. This is the only way we can ever have a conscience that is comforted
 - 1. Psalm 71:21; Isaiah 51:3; Psalm 23:4, 5- (Even use odd things)