

Studies in Job

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (15-21)

I. A Summary of the Second Round of Discourse from Job’s Friends

“When arguments lack logic, folk do one of two things: they either repeat what they have already said, or else they resort to trading insults. Job’s miserable comforters appear to engage in both, beginning with insults.” Derek Thomas

A. Eliphaz (15)

- 1) Job lacks proper reverence for God (4-6)
- 2) Job rejects wisdom (7-11)
- 3) Man is very sinful (14-16)
- 4) The wicked suffer (17ff)
- 5) Summation of Eliphaz’s argument

B. Bildad (18)

- 1) No patience with Job (2-4)
- 2) The wicked suffer (5, 12-14, 21)
- 3) Summation of Bildad’s argument

C. Zophar (20)

- 1) Zophar is also insulted (2-3)
- 2) The wicked only triumph for a little while (4-8)
- 3) Summation of Zophar’s argument

Application to Counselors

II. A Summary of Job’s Second Round of Replies

A. To Eliphaz (16-17)

1. Sorry comforters are you all (1-5)
2. God has relentlessly crushed me (11-14)

3. But I am innocent (17)
4. Job's plea (18-22)
5. My life is destroyed (17:11-16)

- B. To Bildad (19)
1. Job is crushed by their words (1-6)
 2. Job describes God's closed net (7-12) and then says he has been abandoned by everyone (13-19)
 3. Job pleads for pity (20-22)
 4. Job's hope (23-28)
 - a) I wish these words could be **permanently recorded** (23-24).
 - b) *Job's statement of faith (25-27)*
9:33; 16:19
 - c) Watch out counselors! (28-29)
- C. To Zophar (21)
1. Job's sarcasm (3)
 2. Job turns their prosperity theology on its head
7-9, 14-15
God is God and does what He wants (22-23)
 3. Job's summary (34)

Conclusion

- In the midst of so much darkness, here shines this nearly NT floodlight of confidence!
- Job's hope, faith and vision of God and Mt McKinley
- Job also reminds us that our best life is not now.