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Job 25

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Job 25.

Topics.

- The moon and stars are not pure in Gods eyes.
- Is there any number to God's armies?
- Upon whom does God's light not arise?
- How can man who is born of woman be right and pure before God?
- The son of man is a maggot and a worm.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

INTRODUCTION: the book of Job is considered both a theological and a literary masterpiece it is an honest discussion of why God allows good people to suffer. The test of Job's faith, allowed by God in response to a challenge from Satan, reveals God's sovereignty and the supremacy of divine wisdom over human wisdom (personified by Job's four friends). Believing that God is good despite the apparent evidence to the contrary, Job rested in faith alone. In the depths of agony, he could still proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives" (Job 19:25). In the end God silenced all discussion against the truth that He alone is wise (Job chpts. 38-41). Yet he vindicated Job's trust in him (chpt. 42), proving that genuine faith cannot be destroyed. The unknown author was probably an Israelite writing sometime between 2000 and 500 B.C.

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HELPFUL FACTS: before reading Job, it is helpful to understand when Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar and Elihu are speaking they are not speaking, "thus sayeth the LORD", they are simply giving their opinions on how they personally perceive things to be. Amongst their conversations there is truth and wisdom, but it must be kept in mind not everything they are saying is true or even wise, in fact God rebukes Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar and tells them they have spoken foolishness, but Job has spoken what is right (Job 42:7-9). The book of Job is not about doctrinal truth, but human suffering and the questions regarding God that arise during a person's calamity and pain.

BILDAD SPEAKS

JOB 25:1-6

The Moon and Stars are Not Pure in God's Eyes.

- **Job 25:1-6:** Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: ²"Dominion and fear are with God; he makes peace in his high heaven. ³Is there any number to his armies? Upon whom does his light not arise? ⁴How then can man be in the right before God? How can he who is born of woman be pure? ⁵Behold, even the moon is not bright, and the stars are not pure in his eyes; ⁶how much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm!"

The previous chapter ended with Job boldly issuing a challenge to Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar and anyone else to show him to be a liar by proving that he was wrong in claiming that he had been unjustly accused and wrongly condemned and that what he had said was in error. Job was willing to have what he had said tried by whoever was willing to take up his

invitation to prove that his theology that innocent and good people are afflicted in this life and the wicked do prosper was wrong. Bildad does not take up Job's challenge, nor does he give any answers, but instead asks more questions.

Dominion and fear are with God; he makes peace in his high heaven: (v2) this implies that though heaven is full of peace God at this present time is not establishing peace on earth. This of course is a true statement even Jesus said:

- Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. (Matthew 10:34).

Jesus is saying that those who follow him will suffer the persecution of the wicked and those who reject him. This is because at this present time we are living in the kingdom of men and not the Kingdom of God. This situation will not change until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to destroy the antichrist and his kingdom and establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce (Isaiah 65:17-25). All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).

- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Is there any number to God's armies? (v3) clearly the answer to this question is no there is no limit, the Almighty not only has heavenly angels He can call upon, but is able to use the armies of the world to bring about His plans and purposes as He used Assyria to bring His judgment upon the ten tribes of Israel in the land of Samaria and used Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon as His servant to bring judgment upon the two tribes of Judah at Jerusalem (Jer. 25:1-9) and Cyrus king of Persia as His anointed shepherd to free His people from their seventy-years in captivity to Babylon. (Isaiah 45:1-6).

Upon whom does God's light not arise? (v3) light in this context refers to God's Holiness it carries the idea that no one no matter how good they are within themselves can stand before the Holiness of God without Christ's covering.

How then can man be in the right before God? (v4) the answer to this question is no one can, if we could Christ died for no reason. Some today may feel that because Christ did not appear during the Old Testament age, the faithful were saved solely by adhering to ceremonial rites, holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions, but this is not so. They were saved by having faith in the promised Messiah the Christ to come and not by works of the flesh or by self-effort, but because they by faith looked:

- Toward the promised seed of the woman spoken of in Genesis. (Genesis 3:15).
- Toward the promised seed of Abraham. (Gen. 26:4) (Gal. 3:16).
- Toward the prophet Moses said was to come like him. (Deut. 18:15) (Acts 3:22) (Acts 7:37).
- Toward the Holy One to come (whose body God will not let see corruption in death) (Psalm 16:9-11).
- Toward the promised seed of David. (Psalm 89:4) (Psalm 132:11) (Jeremiah 23:5) (Matthew 1:1).
- Toward the Messiah the Christ all the Old Testament prophets and the Scriptures speak of such as (Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53). The Lord Jesus himself said, "I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (Heb. 10:7) (the scroll of the book refers to the Scriptures).

Added to this even though Old Testament Israel offered animal sacrifices to God they were not saved by them; they were a type and shadow of Christ the Lamb of God without blemish the Saviour to come and it is his blood that cleanses them. This is because the power of Christ's cleansing blood flows back to the foundation of the earth so that the faithful of the Old and New Testament are saved by the same Saviour and the same Redeemer. In the book of Revelation, it is written:

- All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8).

And Peter wrote:

- You were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot foreordained before the foundation of the world and manifest in these last times for you. (1 Peter 1:18-20).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Jesus was not only the central focus of God's eternal mind and of His eternal plans and purposes for mankind's salvation and for eternity, but also the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The cleansing power of Jesus blood shed

on the cross of Calvary doesn't just cover and cleanse only those who have come to the Lord after his death and resurrection, but flows all the way back to the foundations of the earth to Adam and Eve like an invisible spiritual river cleansing all the faithful of the Old Testament from the fall of Adam onward who by faith looked to the coming and the appearing of the promised Messiah the Christ.

How can he who is born of woman be pure: (v4) obviously no one can, this is because we are all descendants of our earthly father Adam and as such we have inherited a fallen corrupted body tainted with sin (i.e., selfishness, ego, pride, greed, lustful thoughts, jealousy, anger and such like things) this is why God in His eternal mind and eternal foreknowledge planned and purposed that His Son the Lord Jesus Christ would be the Saviour and Redeemer of all who come to him.

Behold, even the moon is not bright, and the stars are not pure in his eyes: (v5) truly this statement shines a brilliant spotlight upon the purity and glory of God's perfect and pure Holiness.

How much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm: (v6) some in Christian circles have used these words to make the faithful feel that they should not have any self-worth in themselves and constantly demean and degrade themselves to be acceptable to God, but this is a totally mistaken idea for the following two reasons:

1. Bildad is not speaking, "thus saith the LORD," but simply sharing his own opinion.
2. Bildad is using hyperboles (exaggerations) to highlight how far our self-righteousness and the holiness we might think we have falls short of God's Holiness.

For anyone who thinks they should count themselves as being lower than a worm or maggot they should consider the following words of Jesus:

- God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

God did not send His Son to die for maggots and worms, but for men and women who He chose to be His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth (Exod. 19:5) (Deut. 7:6) (Deut. 14:2) and to be a Bride for His Son:

- Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. (Rev. 19:7).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.
