

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 84 – Job’s Complaints Continue Through Job Warning His Friends (Job 17-19)

1. As we begin chapter seventeen, does Job appear to be wore out?
2. Does Job see himself as being mocked by his friends?
3. Why did Job feel like no one would strike [shake] hands with him?
4. What is Job’s thoughts towards those who speak flattery to their friends?
5. Job 17:6 says the following:
“He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret” (KJV).
“But He has made me a byword of the people, And I have become one in whose face men spit” (NKJV).
“But he hath made me a byword of the people; And they spit in my face” (ASV 1901).

Strong’s defines “tabret” [8611] as: “a smiting that is (figuratively) contempt”.
BDB defines “tabret” [8611] as: “spittle; that which is spit upon”.

To the question: In light of the information above, what is Job saying in Job 17:6?
6. What will cause upright men to be astonished [astonished]?
7. Does Job think he is losing hope because his friends aren’t wise?
8. Does Bildad try to calm Job down or does he feel Job has gone too far?
9. Does Bildad think that Job has been levelheaded?
10. In reading Bildad’s description of what happens to the wicked (Job 18:5-21), if you were Job would you feel that you are suffering because you’re wicked?
11. What does Job say the words of his friends are doing to him?

12. Does Job think his friends care about what they're doing to him?
13. Does Job think his error has any effect on anyone else?
14. Who is Job blaming for his problems as his friends continue to plead against him?
15. Job said God had overthrown him (Job 19:6), what else has Job blamed God for?
16. What is Job's relationship with his family, close friends, and servants?
17. How bad does Job's physical condition continue to be?
18. Who does Job seek pity from?
19. What does Job say his friends are doing to him just as God is doing to him?
20. Is Job ashamed for others to hear (or read) his words?
21. Though Job blames God and shows disgust at times, what does he say he knows?
22. Job earlier said God is not hearing him (Job 19:7). Does he now think he'll stay separated from God?
23. Does Job think his friends will get something in return for their persecution of him?
24. Would we ever blame God for our sufferings, if we proclaim to be righteous?