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Job MUST be shaking his fist at God. Your plight comes only to the most wicked!

What is Job's reply? 16:1-5 What is Job's real faith? 16:19-21 And lament? 17:1-5

If the tables were turned...! My intercessor is in heaven! But I am broken, near death.

How does Bildad now refresh their corrupt theology? 18:1-21

He vividly describes the fate of the 'wicked'. Clearly intended to describe Job. Friends.

* What is the foremost statement made by Job in the midst of this trial? 19:25-27

I know that my Redeemer lives! He will stand on the earth and I, myself, will see Him.

What prophetic warning does Job give to his friends? 19:28-29

If you really believe my root problem is with myself, you should fear!! (you're no better)

So now what does Zophar repeat? 20:1-29, note 20:27-29

God always judges the wicked here and now! (vs.4-5). This is obviously you, Job.

What obvious truth does Job then point out? 21:1-34; note 13-15, 27-33, 34!

Many wicked, yet prosperous, seem to go to the grave in peace! Your theology is false!

* What is the summary of Eliphaz's next dissertation? 22:21-30 note 21-23

It's Satan's theology (1:6-11) repackaged. Love God for what you get, not for who He is.

What is Job's repeated request? 23:1-5 Of what does he accuse God? 24:1

I want to be in court with God. Prove Him wrong (vs.4-5). He is avoiding this time!

And Bildad's response to Job's continued stance that he is righteous? 25:1-5 Note vs.4

No man, born of a woman, can be pure, righteous before God. Where then is Bildad??

Job's final arguments...26 - 31

How does Job really feel about the 'comfort' from his (3) friends? 26:1-4

He totally ridicules their great insight! No comfort; just condemnation.

* But what incredible charge is made against God? 27:1-2; see 4-6

God has (wrongly) denied me justice! I maintain that I am righteous. He has wronged me.

But while man has discovered many things (28:1-19), what really counts? 28:20-28

The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding! Ps.111:10; Pr.8:13

After Job reflects on what he has lost (29-31), what does he reassert? 31:35-40

I am guiltless. I would approach God (in court) like a prince! If not cleared, let it be.

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No one changed their position! But Elihu was angry with all of them! But who is Elihu??

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