

# Job 24 - Job Responds to Eliphaz (Cont'd)

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- (iv) Job's complaints (24:1-24)
  - (a) God does not observe oppressors (24:1-12)
- 1 "Why are times not stored up by the Almighty, And *why* do those who know Him not see His days?
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- 1 Why doesn't the Almighty reserve time for judgment? And why don't those who know him perceive his days?
- 1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?
- 2 "People remove landmarks; They seize and devour flocks.
- 2 "Some remove the landmarks; They seize and devour flocks.
- 2 They move boundary stones, steal flocks, and pasture them.
- 2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.
- 3 "They drive away the donkeys of orphans; They seize the widow's ox as a pledge.
- 3 "They drive away the donkeys of the orphans; They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
- 3 They drive away the orphan's donkey; they take the ox of the widow as security for a loan;

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 "They push the needy aside from the road; The poor of the land have to hide themselves together.

4 "They push the needy aside from the road; The poor of the land are made to hide themselves altogether.

4 They push the needy off the road, and force the poor of the land into hiding.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 "Behold, *like* wild donkeys in the wilderness They go out scavenging for food in their activity, As bread for *their* children in the desert.

5 "Behold, as wild donkeys in the wilderness They go forth seeking food in their activity, As bread for *their* children in the desert.

5 "Look! Like wild donkeys in the wilderness, they work diligently as they seek wild game in the desert, food for them and their young ones.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

6 "They harvest their feed in the field And glean the vineyard of the wicked.

6 "They harvest their fodder in the field And glean the vineyard of the wicked.

6 They reap fodder in the field and glean in the vineyard of the wicked.

6 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 "They spend the night naked, without clothing, And have no covering against the cold.

7 "They spend the night naked, without clothing, And have no covering against the cold.

7 They spend the night naked, without clothing, with no covering against the cold.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

8 "They are wet from the mountain rains, And they hug the rock for lack of a shelter.

8 "They are wet with the mountain rains And hug the rock for want of a shelter.

8 They are wet from mountain rains; without shelter, they cling to a rock.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 "Others snatch an orphan from the breast, And they seize *it* as a pledge against the poor.

9 "Others snatch the orphan from the breast, And against the poor they take a pledge.

9 "The fatherless are torn from the breast; the poor are taken away as security for a loan.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 "The poor move about naked without clothing, And they carry sheaves, *while going* hungry.

10 "They cause *the poor* to go about naked without clothing, And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.

10 They wander around naked, without clothes; hungry, though they carry sheaves of grain.

10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

11 "Within the walls they produce oil; They tread wine presses but go thirsty.

11 "Within the walls they produce oil; They tread wine presses but thirst.

11 They press oil between the olive groves owned by the wicked; they suffer from thirst, even while treading the winepress.

11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 "From the city people groan, And the souls of the wounded cry for help; Yet God does not pay attention to the offensiveness.

12 "From the city men groan, And the souls of the wounded cry out; Yet God does not pay attention to folly.

12 From the city, dying men groan aloud, and the wounded cries out for help, but God charges no one with wrong.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

(b) God does not enlighten the rebellious (24:13-17)

13 "Others have been with those who rebel against the light; They do not want to know its ways Nor stay in its paths.

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13 "Then there are those who rebel against the light; they are not acquainted with its ways; and they don't stay on its course.

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 "The murderer arises at dawn; He kills the poor and the needy, And at night he is like a thief.

14 "The murderer arises at dawn; He kills the poor and the needy, And at night he is as a thief.

14 The murderer rises at dawn to kill the poor and needy; at night, he is like a thief.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 "The eye of the adulterer watches for twilight, Saying, 'No eye will see me.' And he disguises his face.

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15 The adulterer watches for twilight, saying, 'No eye is watching me' while he veils his face.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.

16 "In the darkness they dig into houses, They shut themselves up by day; They do not know the light.

16 "In the dark they dig into houses, They shut themselves up by day; They do not know the light.

16 They break into houses in the dark; during the day they remained sealed in. They don't know daylight.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

17 "For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness, For he is familiar with the terrors of thick darkness.

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17 As a group, deep darkness is their morning time; fear that lives in darkness is their friend."

17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

(c) God brings down the righteous and ignores the unrighteous  
(24:18-24)

18 "They are insignificant on the surface of the water; Their plot of land on the earth is cursed. They do not turn toward the vineyards.

18 "They are insignificant on the surface of the water; Their portion is cursed on the earth. They do not turn toward the vineyards.

18 "They remain only a short time on the water's surface; their inheritance will be cursed in the land; no one will work in their vineyards.

18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 "Dryness and heat snatch away the snow waters, As Sheol *snatches those who have sinned.*

19 "Drought and heat consume the snow waters, So *does Sheol those who have sinned.*

19 As drought and heat evaporate melting snow, that's what Sheol does with sinners.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.

20 "A mother will forget him; The maggot feeds sweetly until he is no longer remembered. And injustice will be broken like a tree.

20 "A mother will forget him; The worm feeds sweetly till he is no longer remembered. And wickedness will be broken like a tree.

20 The womb will forget them. Maggots will find them to be a delicacy! They won't be remembered anymore, their iniquity will be cut to pieces like firewood.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 "He wrongs the infertile woman, And does no good for the widow.

21 "He wrongs the barren woman And does no good for the widow.

21 "They prey on the barren woman, and do no favors for widows.

21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 "But He drags off the mighty by His power; He rises, but no one has assurance of life.

22 "But He drags off the valiant by His power; He rises, but no one has assurance of life.

22 God prolongs the life of the strong by his power, but they get up in the morning without purpose in life.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 "He provides them with security, and they are supported; And His eyes are on their ways.

23 "He provides them with security, and they are supported; And His eyes are on their ways.

23 He gives them security and financial support, but he watches everything they do.

23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways.

24 "They are exalted a little while, then they are gone; Moreover, they are brought low, *and* like everything they are gathered up; Like the heads of grain they wither.

24 "They are exalted a little while, then they are gone; Moreover, they are brought low and like everything gathered up; Even like the heads of grain they are cut off.

24 They're exalted momentarily, but then they are gone; they are humbled, just like all the others. They are cut down like heads of corn.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

(v) Job challenges his friends to disprove him (24:25)

25 "Now if it is not so, who can prove me a liar, And make my speech worthless?"

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25 If this weren't so, who can prove that I'm a liar by showing that there's nothing to what I'm saying?"

25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?