

Hope in the most of Despair - *Job 11-12*

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Intro

Job up to this point is having a melt down.

Why?

- Job had just gotten whacked by Satan
- His friends accused him of something he didn't do (sin)

Job is as a heavy weight fighter; he's been knocked down but he's fighting to get back up.

Job 11:1-4

1. Job is guilty

Zophar accuses Job of:

- arrogant
- Foolish
- All you're doing is talking but you're not making any sense!

Job 11:5-7,11-12

2. Job is ignorant and stupid

Zophar makes the mistake that legalists make - he assumes he knows God's will for job

Watch your tongue! Just because you think you're right doesn't mean you really are! Humble yourself, and don't always speak what's on your mind.

Job 12:7-12

Job is saying "No one understands the mind of God. He does what He pleases and does holds the life of everything in His hands. It lives by His hand.

God has no rival, no counterpart.

Job 13:15-19

Job is starting to fight back.

Job states, God can be trusted; “you” (Job’s friends) don’t know what is the mind of God!

They are worthless physicians (spiritually) - a good friend

Job 12:15 - on the greatest declarations of faith.

“**hope**” “yachal”

trust; expect; to be patient; to wait

Job is saying

"If I could just bring God into court and present my case, then I would be vindicated. And I know that I’m taking my life into my own hands by arguing with God. But I know that if I go before God He will vindicate me!

“**salvation**” “Yeshuah”

salvation, help, deliverance, victory, welfare

Application

How do we kindle hope?

Remember God’s sovereignty.

1. God sends trials - Job’s trouble originated at the throne of God. *1 Cor 10:13*. God plans all trials, nothing can surprise Him.
2. Every trial has a purpose, God uses trials! *1 Pe 1:6-7*. This should enspire hope!
3. God removes all trials. No trial is never-ending. **God is never late!**
4. God controls the trials. Even when we experience the temporary damage of the sins of another we are never influence and sovereignty of God.

Be very careful about pre-judging others that are going through a difficult time.

When a friend asks “why” don’t try and give a theological answer! Instead say “I don’t know but I’m here with you through this”.

Know that God is sovereign, and that attribute of God is tempered by His grace, mercy, and goodness.