

Intro

Lincoln was falsely accused! From without and within - including his own cabinet. No matter what he did there will always be someone who didn't agree with him. Through it all though he held his tongue and forbore every attack.

3 cycles of debates in Job

1. 4-5, 8,11
2. 15,18,20
3. 22,35

Job 18:1-21

Bildad is speaking

The death of the wicked is ugly!

It is the grace of God that should motivate us. However, fear is a proper motive for people coming to Christ. Is it harsh? *Matt 10:28* Christ himself tells the unsaved to fear God who can send people to hell. *2 Corinthians 5:11* Paul says that we have a sense of urgency to reach the lost!

However, these men, cut Job apart with the wrong motive and context.

Galatians 6:1

How should we confront someone who needs it?

“**restore**” used for restoring broken bones

With grace, and gentleness.

See also *James 2:8*.

Bildad and Zophar were angry that their council were not being considered. Their reaction was to accuse Job of going to die a horrible death as a sinner - a fear tactic.

4 vivid pictures of death by Bildad

1. A fire that is smoldering that then goes out. *Job 18:6*
2. A traveler running because of fear and is caught in traps. *Job 18:7-10*
3. A criminal pursued *Job 18:11-15*

4. A tree that is rooted up because the roots have died *Job 18:16-21*

All the above are true for the unsaved. However, this doesn't mean squat for the saved.

Job's Response *Job 19:1-4*

“shame” “bosh”

to be confounded disappointed, disgraced, or perplexed.

1. A trapped animal *Job 19:8* - God you have walled me in and I'm surrounded in darkness and I don't know why you're doing this but it feels like punishment! God is sovereign! Though the time may feel like you're trapped, you must have faith and trust that he won't leave you and He cannot exercise one attribute to the detriment to another.
2. Criminal in court *Job 19:7*
3. A traveler fenced in *19:8*
4. Like a King that is dethroned *19:9*
5. A structure destroyed *19:10*
6. An uprooted tree *19:10*
7. Isolation *13:20*

At times God permits His children to be in a dead end street *Job 13:15*

Isaiah 50:10 - Trust in the name Lord (for he has integrity).

“Never doubt in the darkness what God has taught you in the light.”

- Anonymous

[The sermon] is the lecture, life is the lab! You must study! But you must also practice and trust in God.

“Do not begrudge the darkness of the soul” - Oswald Chambers

God knows what He's about.

Job 19:21 - Job is also fearing that what he is about and doing will be forgotten. He is longing to be heard and to be comforted!

“Redeemer” go'el

used 45 time in OT

used as a kinsman redeemer

3 words used in describing Christ each to describe buying someone out of the slave market.

can be used to mean “vindicator”

Acts 4:12

There is a seed of Bildad and Zophar in all of us - the temptation to be judgemental and hard-nosed.

“The builder” by Anonymous

I saw them tearing a building down A team of men in my hometown.
With a heave and a ho and a yes yes yell, they swung a beam and a
sidewall fell.

And I said to the foreman, “Are these men skilled?” “Like the ones
you’d use if you had to build?” And he laughed and said, “Oh no,
indeed... the most common labor is all I need... for I can destroy
in a day or two what takes a builder ten years to do.”

So I thought to myself as I went on my way... Which one of these
roles am I willing to play? Am I one who is tearing down as I
carelessly make my way around? Or am I one who builds with care,
in order to make the world a little better... because I was there?