

Job #19 (Chapter 22)

I. First, Let us Look at Verses 1 - 3

- A. Eliphaz's questions are legitimate but not properly applied to Job
- B. V. 2 – Can a “man” be profitable to God- Hebrew – “Valiant man”
 - 1. Even if we lived life best possible, still be unprofitable- Lu. 17:7-10
 - a. We are God's servants because we have been bought- I Cor. 6:20
 - 2. Bible teaches God is independent and doesn't need us – Acts 17:25
 - a. Ps. 50:10-12; (Jdg. 5:23 – Means to come to aid of Lord's cause)
 - 3. When we magnify God (Ps. 34:3) – we do not make Him bigger
 - 4. Goodness we can give God must have first come from God –Ps.16:2
 - 5. This should also keep us from all grumbling and complaining
 - 6. If we are not profitable to God than all we receive is from God's grace
 - a. Romans 11:35, 36; Isaiah 55:1; I Chronicles 29:14
- C. If we can't profit God- all God asks us to do is for our profit, not His!
 - 1. Deuteronomy 6:24; Mark 2:27; Proverbs 9:12; I Tim. 6:5, 6,
 - 2. There is no profit for us in godlessness (Rom. 6:21, 22)
 - 3. Godliness is profitable both for now and eternity- I Timothy 4:8
 - a. In this life profits because it brings other blessings in – Matt. 6:33
 - b. But also brings profit in life to come with rewards- I Tim. 6:18, 19
- D. Even our sins which hurt us-cannot diminish God in any way-Job 35:6, 7
- E. V. 3 – Is it any “pleasure” – In the Hebrew word comes from “Will”
 - 1. If we do rightly- we bring pleasure to ourselves – Ps. 1:1 – 3
 - 2. But Bible speaks of God taking pleasure in His people
 - a. Zephaniah 3:17; I Chron. 29:17; Psalm 147:11
 - 3. God's eternal condition of joy not bettered or worsened by us
 - 4. But God desires us to walk holy- Psalm 45:7; Lev. 11:44
 - a. Holiness is God's image and God takes pleasure in His own image
 - b. And in Christ's righteousness imputed to us – 2 Cor 5:21
 - c. Our righteousness is God's work(Ep. 2:10) takes pleasure in that
 - 5. God takes no pleasure in us pleading our own righteousness
 - a. Romans 10:2, 3; Luke 18:10 –14; Isaiah 65:5

II. Then Let Us Look at Verses 4 - 9

- A. Appears Eliphaz accusing Job of things which were not correct
 - 1. Verses 6-9- (Taking pledges, not feeding poor, mistreated widows)
 - 2. Always tendency for people to think rich people must be evil
- B. V. 5 – Is not your evil abundant? – Not true of Job in Eliphaz's sense
 - 1. But yet Eliphaz utters truth about man's sinful condition
 - 2. Word “Abundant” can mean great in magnitude or in number
 - a. Never right to say our sins are just “little” (I Tim. 1:15; Ps. 25:11)
 - 3. There are greater sins and there are lesser sins
 - a. Exodus 32:30 – 32; John 19:11; Mark 3:28, 29
 - 4. There are different ways we can make our sin greater
 - a. Sin against knowledge; Sin after Warning – Prov. 29:1
 - b. Sin after seeing God's judgment – sin after repentance- Plan sin
- C. V. 5- Your iniquities are infinite (Without number)
 - 1. Infinite in defining them- in sinning against an infinite God