



The Gospel According to Job

May 10: Bildad and the Wicked: Job 18

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What does it mean to be wicked?

Genesis 13:13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

Bildad is the traditionalist in this group of counselors, especially regarding the principle of retribution, telling us that the wicked suffer. Is he right? Does this mean that sufferers are wicked?

What does it mean to know God?

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Job 18:1-4

Do you ever find yourself hunting for the right words?

^{NIV} **Job 18:2** When will you end these speeches? Be sensible, and then we can talk.

^{NLT} **Job 18:2** How long before you stop talking? Speak sense if you want us to answer!

What is the tone of Bildad's comments?

Of what does Bildad accuse Job?

Job 18:5-6

What happens with the wicked? Is this true?

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

Job 18:7-11

What happens to the wicked?

Proverbs 5:22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

Job 18:12-13

Where does the calamity of wickedness ultimately lead?

What is *the firstborn of death*?

Psalm 78:51 He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.

Job 18:14-17

Why does Bildad focus on the home of the wicked?

1 Timothy 4:4-5 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

Who is the *king of terrors*?

How quickly are the wicked forgotten?

Psalm 34:16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Job 18:18-21

What happens to the wicked in the end?

What synonyms does Bildad use for the wicked?

What happens when we don't know God?

Job 21:14 They say to God, 'Depart from us! We do not desire the knowledge of your ways.'

Exodus 5:2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."