



The Gospel According to Job

May 31: When the Wicked Prosper: Job 21

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous are you, O LORD, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?

How does it make you feel when the wicked prosper?

Why is God so patient with the wicked?

2 Peter 3:9-10 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

Job 21:1-4

What does Job demand of his counselors?

Against whom does Job make his central complaint?

Job 21:5-6

How does Job propose his counselors respond to his predicament?

Job 21:7-13

What is Job's objection in this passage?

What examples does he give?

Psalm 73:3-6 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.

Job 21:14-16

How do the wicked relate to God?

Psalm 73:9-11 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Job 21:17-20

Who had said, "the light of the wicked is put out"?

Job 18:5 Indeed, the light of the wicked is put out, and the flame of his fire does not shine.

Does God store up judgment against the children of the wicked?

Job 21:22-26

Who can actually judge Job's situation rightly?

Job 15:15-16 Behold, God puts no trust in his holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in his sight; how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks injustice like water!

What happens to all people in the end?

Ecclesiastes 9:2 It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath.

Job 21:27-30

What does Job claim to know? What are the schemes of his counselors?

Why are so many people fooled by external circumstances?

Job 21:31-34

What kind of people does the crowd follow?

How does Job describe the comfort of his friends?

Job 16:2 I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are you all.

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