



The Gospel According to Job

June 28: Bildad, Job, and God's Majesty

Job 25 & 26

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Job's Counselors

1. Eliphaz the Mystic
2. Bildad the _____
3. Zophar the Theologian

What mistake do we make when we fail to see God as the all-powerful Creator?

Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Job 25:1-4

How does Bildad describe God?

Psalm 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

What is his central question?

Job 4:17 Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?

Job 25:5-6

How do creation and creatures compare to God?

Job 4:18-19 Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth.

This is the conclusive speech of Job's counselors. Where have they left Job?

Job 26:1-4

What is Job's implied answer to his statements in verses 2-3?

Job 12:2 No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you.

What is the implied answer to his question in verse 4?

Job 26:5-6

Bildad looked to the moon and stars to understand God's greatness. Where does Job look?

What is Abaddon?

^{NIV} **Job 26:6** Death is naked before God; Destruction lies uncovered.

Job 26:7-10

How does Job describe the heavens?

Isaiah 40:22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in.

Job 26:11-14

Where does Job look to see the power of God?

Who is Rahab?

Job 9:13 God will not turn back his anger; beneath him bowed the helpers of Rahab.

In what sense are these the outskirts of God's ways?

Job 9:5-8 He who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea.

Psalms 139:4-6 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.