



The Gospel According to Job

July 5: Job's Final Reply to His Friends

Job 27

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Luke 12:15 Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Why do people live as if possessions are the highest good?

Job 27:1-4

With what kind of formula does Job begin?

Ruth 1:16-17 For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.

How has God treated Job?

Job 27:5-6

Is Job willing to agree with his counselors to end the debate?

“Peace if possible, truth at all costs.” – Martin Luther

Is Job innocent of his friends' accusation of great sin?

To what does Job hold fast?

Job 2:3 Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.

Job 27:7-10

How should Job's counselors fare in the end?

When does judgment take place?

Matthew 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?

Job 27:11-12

What will Job teach his counselors?

What is the “hand of God”?

Job 19:21 Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me!

Job 27:13-15

What is the heritage of the wicked man?

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

Job 27:16-18

If we live for possessions, what will be the ultimate outcome?

Luke 12:20-21 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

How long do the wicked last?

Job 27:19-23

What is the prevailing metaphor for the outcome of the wicked?

Who does Job sound like here?

Job 22:9-11 You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless were crushed. Therefore snares are all around you, and sudden terror overwhelms you, or darkness, so that you cannot see, and a flood of water covers you.

What's next?