



The Gospel According to Job

February 15: Job's Reply Continues: Job 7
A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Is Job willing to accept trouble from God?

Job 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 7:1-3

What does Job acknowledge about human life?

Job 5:7 But man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.

Why does a slave long for the shadows? What does Job mean?

Deuteronomy 24:15 You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the LORD, and you be guilty of sin.

Job 7:4-6

How does Job describe his condition?

Does Job have hope?

Psalm 6:6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

Job 7:7-10

How does the Old Testament speak about Sheol? What does Job say about death?

Psalm 30:3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

^{NIV} **Job 7:9** As a cloud vanishes and is gone, so he who goes down to the grave does not return.

^{NLT} **Job 7:9** Just as a cloud dissipates and vanishes, those who die will not come back.

What is theology *from below*? What is theology *from above*?

Who is Job addressing in these verses?

Job 7:11-15

Why does Job not restrain his words before God?

How is Job like the sea? Who is the guard?

Psalm 74:13 You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.

Is Job sleeping well?

Job 7:16-19

How does Job see God's watchful presence?

Psalm 8:4-5 What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

^{ESV} **Job 7:19** How long will you not look away from me, nor leave me alone till I swallow my spit?

^{NIV} **Job 7:19** Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?

Job 7:20-21

Does Job think his sin deserves his present experiences?

Psalm 51:4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

What does Job ask God to do for him? How would you answer Job at this point?

Where does the conversation turn in chapter 8?