



The Gospel According to Job

February 22: Bildad Speaks: Job 8

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What is weakness of today's prevalent advice, "we are masters of our own fate"?

What do we know about Bildad the Shuhite?

How many speeches of Bildad are in Job?

Job 8:1-4

What is the initial tone of Bildad's critique?

Does God pervert justice?

According to Bildad, who is at fault in Job's situation?

What is the basis for Bildad's argument?

What does he miss?

1 Peter 3:17-18 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Job 8:5-7

What two conditions are necessary for Job's restoration?

Luke 13:2-3 And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

What does Bildad inadvertently predict?

Job 42:12 And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning.

Job 8:8-10

Upon what did Eliphaz base his counsel? Bildad?

Does Bildad offer sound advice?

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

How can we consider the tradition of the fathers?

Job 8:11-15

To what does Bildad compare those who forget God?

Deuteronomy 8:11 Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today.

What do the translations get wrong in verse 14 (see footnote)?

Job 8:16-19

What does Bildad mean with the phrase, "this is the joy of his way"?

^{ESV} **Job 8:19** Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the soil others will spring.

^{NIV} **Job 8:19** Surely its life withers away, and from the soil other plants grow.

Job 8:20-22

What are Bildad's two central points?

Who is the "you" of verses 21-22?

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?