



The Gospel According to Job

March 15: Zophar Answers: Job 11

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What uncommon title for God is used frequently in Job?

Exodus 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.

Who is the intended reader of Job's book? How can we adopt the role of the reader anticipated by the author?

In which of the three cycles of dialogue do we find Zophar?

Job 11:1-3

Job has said many things. How does Zophar evaluate his speeches?

Isaiah 16:6 We have heard of the pride of Moab- how proud he is!—of his arrogance, his pride, and his insolence; in his idle boasting he is not right.

Had anyone accused you of babble or idle talk?

Job 11:4-6

How does Job see himself according to Zophar?

What does Zophar desire for Job?

How does Zophar evaluate Job's suffering?

^{ESV} **Job 11:6** and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For he is manifold in understanding. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.

^{NASB} **Job 11:6** And show you the secrets of wisdom! For sound wisdom has two sides. Know then that God forgets a part of your iniquity.

Job 11:7-9

What does Zophar confess about the deep things of God?

What is the irony of Zophar's confession in relation to his diagnosis of Job's condition?

Psalm 92:5 How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

Job 11:10-12

What does God do with wicked and deceitful men?

What is the meaning of Zophar's proverb (v. 12)?

^{NLT} **Job 11:12** An empty-headed person won't become wise any more than a wild donkey can bear human offspring!

Job 11:13-14

What solution does Zophar offer to Job?

Psalm 143:6 I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Job 11:15-19

If Job follows Zophar's advice, then what will be the outcome?

How does Zophar confuse God's promises?

Does the world honor the godly and reject the worthless?

Job 11:20

What will happen to the eyes of the wicked? What does this mean?

Psalm 69:3 I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

Do you have conversations about God, suffering, justice, and the meaning of life (other than in Bible class)?