



The Gospel According to Job

March 22: Job Replies to Zophar: Job 12

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Who is at fault if we are down and out?

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

Job 12:1-3

What is sarcasm? How does Job employ sarcasm here?

What does Job confess about himself?

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Job 12:4-6

What is the irony of Job's position?

What attitude does Job confront in his counselors?

Amos 6:1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

^{NKJ} **Job 12:5** A lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease; *It is made ready for those whose feet slip.*

^{NLT} **Job 12:5** People who are at ease mock those in trouble. They give a push to people who are stumbling.

Job 12:7-10

What witnesses does Job invoke?

What conclusion does Job want us to draw from creation?

Job 12:11-13

What does Job want us to do with the words we hear?

1 Thessalonians 5:21-23 Test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where do we find wisdom?

Job 12:14-16

What is the scope of God's providential government of the world?

What attributes of God does Job confess?

Job 9:4 He is wise in heart and mighty in strength—who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?

Job 12:17-21

Which religious and political leaders does God manage?

Psalm 2:10-12 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Job 12:22-23

What general statement of God's power does Job make?

What kind of parallelism do we see in verse 23?

Job 12:24-25

How does God deal with nations and chiefs?

Psalm 107:40-41 He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

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