

Wisdom Literature – Lesson 13

The Wisdom of God in Job

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Last week in **v. 6-12** we read that God has assembled His divine court>>

<<composed of heavenly beings whom God uses in the administration of His creation>>

In **v. 6** we learned that ...*Satan*... was ...*among*... the members of this council>>

In Hebrew for ...*Satan*... is *hasatan* which is translated as ...*the satan*...>>

<<the adversary, accuser, challenger>>

God has called His council together to hear their evaluation of what was happening on the earth>>

This morning let's join this celestial meeting>>

v. 7-12>>The challenge>>

[YHWH] said to [the satan], "From where do you come?" Then [the satan] answered [YHWH] and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." 8 [YHWH] said to [the challenger], "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." 9 Then [the satan] answered [YHWH], "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." 12 Then [YHWH] said to [the satan], "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So [the satan] departed from the presence of [YHWH].

v.7 *[YHWH] said to [the satan], "From where do you come?" Then [the satan] answered [YHWH] and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."*

[YHWH] asks [the satan]: What's happening on earth>>

[the satan] answers that he has been ...roaming about on the earth... evaluating people>>

Then God challenges ...the challenger...>>

v.8 *[YHWH] said to [the challenger], "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."*

This question sets the stage for all that will follow>>

Since the Lord knows all that will happen. Why does He ask this question>>

1st., *does YHWH, the Creator and Sustainer of all life, have the right to ask this question>>*

Isa 64:8 *O [YHWY], You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the Potter; we are all the work of Your hand.*

Rom 9:20 *...Why did you make me like this... 21 does not the potter have a right over the clay...>>*

2nd., *Do we believe that God's purpose for Job is in keeping with **Rom. 8:28-29**>>*

3rd., *If yes, then what is this ...good...>>*

2 Thess. 1:12 *...that the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you...>>*

This is the ground of much of the battle within us during seasons of trouble>>

This is the ...good... for which we must continue ...fight the good fight of faith [1 Tim.6:12]...>>

v.9 *Then [the satan] answered [YHWH], "Does Job fear God for nothing? ...the Satan... challenges God's evaluation of Job's integrity>>*

<<*Will You allow me to test his motives>>*

Since the Challenger does not know Job's heart [Jer.17:9], he **assumes** that Job is motivated by the fruit of God's blessings...>>

<<that Job's motivation is circumstantial ...righteousness...>>

that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

The challenger believes that Job has received God's special protection>>

v.12 *Then the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.*

We must remember>>

1. This decision shows that God is complete control of these events>>
2. That God can *is causing all these things to work together for Job's good>>***Rom. 8:28**
3. *That at the end of the DAY, Phil. 2:9-11* will be realized>>

How do we feel about this>>

Can we agree with Paul's response to such a mystery>>

*Oh, the **depth** of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable** are His judgments and **unfathomable** His ways!...>>***Rom.11:33**

v.13-19 records the tragic results>>

v.20-22 *Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and **worshiped**. 21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The **Lord gave** and the **Lord has taken away**. **Blessed be the name of the Lord**." 22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.*

The Lord uses this challenge to show that true Righteousness is greater and stronger than any circumstance>>