

Sunday School Lesson

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Bildad Misunderstands God's Justice

Job 8:1-10, 20-22

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Questions for Us Today

What kind of friend are you?

How do you interact with someone who is suffering?

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How have others dealt with you while you were suffering?

What do you think of the Lord when you are suffering?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

1. Gain a better understanding of this Book of Wisdom.

2. Review how one of his friends dealt with Job in his pain and suffering.

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3. Remember that the Lord is with us, no matter what.

Sunday School Lesson Segments

1. Points of Information: Job

2. Points of Information: Bildad.

3. Other Characters in Today's Lesson

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4. Lesson Context

5. Lesson Text

Points of Information – Job

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The Book of Job is categorized as part of the Wisdom Literature in the Bible – along with the Books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

The Book of Job is comprised of prose and poetry, as well as monologues and dialogues.

Points of Information – Job

Job is mentioned approximately 70 times in the Bible.

Scripture describes Job as a man who was “blameless and upright.” Job 1:1.

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Ezekiel (14:14, 20) cites Job as one of the great ancestors of Israel, along with Noah and Daniel.

The Apostle Paul quotes Job (5:13). 1 Corinthians 3:19.

James (5:11) refers to the patience and endurance of Job.

Points of Information – Job

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In his suffering, Job still faithfully said: “But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God!” Job 19:25-26. NLT

Job also said: “All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come.” Job 14:14b. NIV

Points of Information – Bildad

Bildad was one of Job's 3 main friends, along with Eliphaz and Zophar.

Bildad spoke out to Job 3 separate times: In Chapters 8, 18 and 25.

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Bildad had a very high opinion of his own knowledge. But, as a traditionalist, his knowledge was actually constrained by how he wrongly interpreted the past as a cause of the present and as a predictor of the future for Job.

Other Characters in Today's Lesson

1. Eliphaz

2. Zophar

3. Elihu

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Context

Bildad was one of Job's 3 friends (along with Zophar and Eliphaz) who had messages of "advice" for Job.

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Job had experienced extreme loss and suffering. In Chapter 7, he lamented his situation.

In Chapter 8, Bildad offers his first bit of advice, (erroneously) blaming Job and telling him to repent for his sins.

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Lesson Text:

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Job 8:1-3 (NRSV)

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered:

**“How long will you say these things, and
the words of your mouth be a great wind?”**

**Does God pervert justice? Or does the
Almighty pervert the right?**

Job 8:4

**If your children sinned against him,
he delivered them into the power
of their transgression.**

Job 8:5-6

**If you will seek God and make
supplication to the Almighty,**

**if you are pure and upright, surely then
he will rouse himself for you and restore
to you your rightful place.**

Job 8:7

**Though your beginning was
small, your latter days will
be very great.**

Job 8:8-9

"For inquire now of bygone generations, and consider what their ancestors have found;

for we are but of yesterday, and we know nothing, for our days on earth are but a shadow.

Job 8:10

**Will they not teach you and tell
you and utter words out of
their understanding?**

Job 8:20-21

"See, God will not reject a blameless person, nor take the hand of evildoers.

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy.

Job 8:22

Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked will be no more."

Remember this:

No matter what you are going through, the Lord is there for you.

**A Song for Us Today:
I Need Thee Every Hour**

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