

1st Quarter – Week 5

(Friends Continue to Speak)

Day 1 Job 25-26	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bildad's 3rd speech is found in chapter 25. He rightfully speaks of the holiness of God and the separation from sinful men.• Bildad, however, applies it to Job for the purpose of disputing his claims of innocence. He is attempting to force Job to repent for what's not there.• Chapter 26 contains a three-part response of Job to Bildad. First, he sarcastically points out there is no saving wisdom from God in their words (26:1-4). Second, true wisdom is found in the absolute sovereign God, and he reveals the various areas where God is sovereign (26:5-13). Finally, evil will be defeated and salvation provided only by the wisdom of God. <p>Jesus Christ: The wisdom and power of the cross of Christ will be and now is both wiser and more powerful than all human wisdom and power (1 Cor. 1:18-31).</p>
Day 2 Job 27-28	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job's responds to his accusers in chapter 27. He speaks about his right standing with God (27:1-6). He prays for God to judge his accusers (27:7-10). And he warns the accusers of the danger of their accusation against a righteous man (27:11-23).• In Chapter 28, there is a significant change from Job's suffering to a wise and sovereign God whose ways are beyond human comprehension.• Job states man searches for earthly riches (28:1-11), and finds it, but wisdom cannot be found. Only God is the source of wisdom (28:12-27). Therefore, men should fear the Lord where wisdom is found. <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor. 1:24).</p>
Day 3 Job 29-30	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job defends himself longing for fellowship with God (Job 29:1-6). He longs for the dignity he once knew because of God's blessings (29:7-17). He longs for lasting days with the Lord (29:18-20). He also longs for the days when he could be used of God to bless people (29:21-25).• Job laments his current situation bringing his struggles to God. He laments those who mock him (30:1-8). He laments the message of the mockers, and their personal attacks (30:9-15).• Job laments the timing of the trial seemingly without an answer or knowing God's sovereign plan (30:16-23). He laments the suffering when he has been faithful to God (30:24-31). But in it all Job never loses faith in his sovereign God.• Jesus Christ: Job longed for the days when he could help the needy. Jesus Christ was the ultimate example of helping the poor and needy.

Day 4 Job 31	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Chapter 31, Job speaks his last words concerning the friends' charges against him. He has a clear conscience in the area of lust (31:1-3). In his dealings with others, he finds honest dealings (31:4-8). There is no adultery in his life (31:9-12). He has treated his servants well and the needy (31:13-20). He has never acted in a violent way, nor trusted in riches (31:21-25). Furthermore, he has not worshipped idols, or acted with vindictiveness towards enemies (31:20-32). He finds no hypocrisy in his life and only wants to be heard and believed (31:33-40). <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ calls us to examine our hearts to confess sin and walk in fellowship with Him. (1 John 1:9).</p>
Day 5 Job 32-33	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elihu steps up to address Job and his three friends angry with what he has heard (32:1-5). His speeches will hit on some good points but will drift into the same wrong thinking. He begins by emphasizing the basis for what is being said. Is it based on the authority of God or not? (32:6-22). Elihu asks for Job to heed his words (33:1-7). He contends Job's questions must be answered (33:8-13). He states God speaks through the voice of conscience (33:15-18); through suffering (33:19-28); and God speaks through prophets (33:29-33). Elihu is voicing the fact that God has not been silent, but the message may be unexpected. His message differs as it offers hope in a ransom. <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ gave himself as the ransom for many (Mark 10:45).</p>
Day 6 Job 34	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Chapter 34, Elihu gives his second speech. When he does not receive an answer from Job after the first speech, he turns up the heat. Speaking to a wider audience, he declared people must choose what is right and good (34:1-4). He declares no one can say, God is not being just and good when we know God can do no wrong and He acts as a Sovereign God (34:5-15). Elihu then turns to Job and accuses him of a wrong understanding of God, and his failure to repent of his sin (34:16-37). Job will continue to remain silent. Elihu shares many truths but makes the same wrong assumptions about Job as the three friends. <p>Jesus Christ: The New Testament presents Jesus as the One who will render justice. Man without Christ will face the wrath of God, man with Christ will be just before God because of Jesus Christ.</p>