

Job 12:1-25 **Job Answered His Friends**

Job Answers His Critics

1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "No doubt you are the people, And wisdom will die with you!

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed, who does not know such things as these?

4 "I am one mocked by his friends, Who called on Elowah (God), and He answered him, The just and blameless who is ridiculed.

5 A lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease; It is made ready for those whose feet slip.

6 The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke El (God) are secure — In what Elowah (God) provides by His hand.

7 "But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you.

9 Who among all these does not know That the hand of the Lord has done this,

10 In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?

11 Does not the ear test words And the mouth taste its food?

12 Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding.

13 "With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.

14 If He breaks a thing down, it cannot be rebuilt; If He imprisons a man, there can be no release.

15 If He withholds the waters, they dry up; If He sends them out, they overwhelm the earth.

16 With Him are strength and prudence. The deceived and the deceiver are His.

17 He leads counselors away plundered, And makes fools of the judges.

18 He loosens the bonds of kings, And binds their waist with a belt.

19 He leads princes away plundered, And overthrows the mighty.

20 He deprives the trusted ones of speech, And takes away the discernment of the elders.

21 He pours contempt on princes, And disarms the mighty.

22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness, And brings the shadow of death to light.

23 He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them.

24 He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, And makes them wander in a pathless wilderness.

25 They grope in the dark without light, And He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Then Job answered and said:

"No doubt you are the people, And wisdom will die with you!

But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed, who does not know such things as these? [\[Job 12:1-3\]](#)

✧ Job mocked the arrogance of his friends.

✧ "I am one mocked by his friends, Who called on Elowah (God), and He answered him, The just and blameless who is ridiculed. [\[Job 12:4\]](#)

- ✧ Though ridiculed by his friends, Job has called on El (God) and He has answered him. Job still claims his righteousness, that he is just and blameless.
- ✧ A lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease; It is made ready for those whose feet slip.
The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke El (God) are secure — In what Elowah (God) provides by His hand. [[Job 12:5-6](#)]
- ✧ God provides for the just and the unjust. [[Matthew 5:45](#)]

- ✧ Job then described what the hand of the Lord does in all of creation, and it is His hand that has done this attack on Job. In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind. [[Job 12:7-25](#)]