

## Job 21:1-34 **Job Shared His View of The Wicked – Listen, Then Mock On**

### Job's anguish

- 1 Then Job answered and said:
- 2 "Listen carefully to my speech, And let this be your consolation.
- 3 Bear with me that I may speak, And after I have spoken, keep mocking.
- 4 "As for me, is my complaint against man? And if it were, why should I not be impatient?
- 5 Look at me and be astonished; Put your hand over your mouth.
- 6 Even when I remember I am terrified, And trembling takes hold of my flesh.

### Prosperity of the Wicked

- 7 Why do the wicked live and become old, Yes, become mighty in power?
- 8 Their descendants are established with them in their sight, And their offspring before their eyes.
- 9 Their houses are safe from fear, Neither is the rod of Elowah (God) upon them.
- 10 Their bull breeds without failure; Their cow calves without miscarriage.
- 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, And their children dance.
- 12 They sing to the tambourine and harp, And rejoice to the sound of the flute.
- 13 They spend their days in wealth, And in a moment go down to the grave.
- 14 Yet they say to El (God), 'Depart from us, For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.
- 15 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'

### Destiny of the Wicked

- 16 Indeed their prosperity is not in their hand; The counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? How often does their destruction come upon them, The sorrows God distributes in His anger?
- 18 They are like straw before the wind, And like chaff that a storm carries away.
- 19 They say, 'Elowah (God) lays up one's iniquity for his children'; Let Him recompense him, that he may know it.
- 20 Let his eyes see his destruction, And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
- 21 For what does he care about his household after him, When the number of his months is cut in half?

### All die alike

- 22 "Can anyone teach El (God) knowledge, Since He judges those on high?
- 23 One dies in his full strength, Being wholly at ease and secure;
- 24 His pails are full of milk, And the marrow of his bones is moist.
- 25 Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul, Never having eaten with pleasure.
- 26 They lie down alike in the dust, And worms cover them.

### Job knows the schemes with which his friends wrong him

- 27 "Look, I know your thoughts, And the schemes with which you would wrong me.
- 28 For you say, 'Where is the house of the prince? And where is the tent, The dwelling place of the wicked?'

### The Wicked are reserved for the day of Doom & Wrath

- 29 Have you not asked those who travel the road? And do you not know their signs?
- 30 For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; They shall be brought out on the day of wrath.

31 Who condemns his way to his face? And who repays him for what he has done?  
32 Yet he shall be brought to the grave, And a vigil kept over the tomb.  
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him; Everyone shall follow him, As countless have gone before him.  
34 How then can you comfort me with empty words, Since falsehood remains in your answers?"  
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Facts Revealed:

### Job's anguish

✧ Then Job answered and said:

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Bear with me that I may speak, And after I have spoken, keep mocking.

"As for me, is my complaint against man? And if it were, why should I not be impatient?

Look at me and be astonished; Put your hand over your mouth.

Even when I remember I am terrified, And trembling takes hold of my flesh. [Job 21:1-6]

✧ Job called them back to the problem at hand, to again consider his suffering.

✧ Job realized that his friends are so focused on the wicked they cannot find the truth or even see how God relates with them.

### Prosperity of the Wicked

✧ Job shared how he sees the case of the wicked and the response of God. [Job 21:7-15]

✧ The wicked fare well and spend their days in wealth until they die and go to the grave.

✧ They have no regard for the Almighty nor desire to know His ways

✧ They see no value in praying to God or serving Him.

### Destiny of the Wicked [Job 21:16-21]

✧ Their prosperity is not in the hands of the wicked, it is in Yahweh's hands.

✧ Job asked, "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? How often does their destruction come upon them, The sorrows God distributes in His anger?"

✧ The wicked are like straw before the wind and like chaff the storm carries away.

✧ The wicked say that Elowah lays up one's iniquity for his children.

✧ Job said: Let Elowah recompense the wicked that he may know it. Let his eyes see his destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty. Because he does not care about his household after him, when his time is cut in half.

### All die alike [Job 21:22-26]

✧ El knows all, and He judges those on high.

✧ One dies in his full strength, Being wholly at ease and secure; His pails are full of milk, And the marrow of his bones is moist.

Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul, Never having eaten with pleasure.

They lie down alike in the dust, And worms cover them.

### Job knows the schemes with which his friends wrong him [Job 21:27-28]

✧ They question Job's integrity and place him in the category of the Wicked.

### The Wicked are reserved for the day of Doom & Wrath [Job 21:29-34]

✧ Job questioned the extent of his friends knowledge and empathy.

✧ The wicked are reserved for the day of doom and shall be brought out on the day of Wrath God will repay him for what he has done. [Revelation 20:11-15]

✧ Job asked his friends; "How then can you comfort me with empty words, Since falsehood remains in your answers?"