

Job 8:1-22 **Bildad Claimed that Job's Troubles are Evidence of his sin**

Bildad: Job Should Repent

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long will you speak these things, And the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?

3 Does El (God) subvert judgment? Or does Shaday (the Almighty) pervert justice?

4 If your sons have sinned against Him, He has cast them away for their transgression.

5 If you would earnestly seek El (God) And make your supplication to Shaday (the Almighty),

6 If you were pure and upright, Surely now He would awake for you, And prosper your rightful dwelling place.

7 Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would increase abundantly.

8 "For inquire, please, of the former age, And consider the things discovered by their fathers;

9 For we were born yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow.

10 Will they not teach you and tell you, And utter words from their heart?

11 "Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh? Can the reeds flourish without water?

12 While it is yet green and not cut down, It withers before any other plant.

13 So are the paths of all who forget El (God); And the hope of the hypocrite shall perish,

14 Whose confidence shall be cut off, And whose trust is a spider's web.

15 He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not endure.

16 He grows green in the sun, And his branches spread out in his garden.

17 His roots wrap around the rock heap, And look for a place in the stones.

18 If he is destroyed from his place, Then it will deny him, saying, 'I have not seen you.'

19 "Behold, this is the joy of His way, And out of the earth others will grow.

20 Behold, El (God) will not cast away the blameless, Nor will He uphold the evildoers.

21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing.

22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing."

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Facts Revealed:

Bildad: Job Should Repent

✧ Job had said his words of complaint are nothing but the speeches of a desperate man and just wind. [\[Job 6:26\]](#)

✧ Bildad asked, "How long will you speak these things, And the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?" [\[Job 8:1-2\]](#)

✧ Then he asked, "Does El (God) subvert judgment? Or does Shaday (the Almighty) pervert justice?"

✧ Then Bildad concludes that Job's sons must have sinned and Shaday cast them off because of their transgression. [\[Job 8:4\]](#)

✧ Bildad suggested that if Job would earnestly seek El, making his supplication to Shaday, and that if Job were pure and upright, El would awake for you and prosper your rightful dwelling place. Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly. [\[Job 8:5-7\]](#)

- ✧ Bildad suggested that Job could learn, if he would consider the former age and things discovered by their fathers. He used the papyrus and reeds as examples of nature to support his argument that Job's troubles are evidence of one who has forgotten El and became a hypocrite whose end shall perish. [\[Job 8:8-19\]](#)
 - ✧ Bildad said, "Behold, El (God) will not cast away the blameless, Nor will He uphold the evildoers." [\[Job 8:20\]](#)
 - ✧ Bildad has hope for Job, saying, "He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing." [\[Job 8:21-22\]](#)
- ✧ Still Yahweh said to Eliphaz and his two friends "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." [\[Job 42:7-8\]](#)