

## Job 9:1-10:22 **Job Desires a Mediator & Would Like To Take His Case to El**

### Job: There Is No Mediator

1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before El (God)?

3 If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.

4 El (God) is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered?

5 He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger;

6 He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble;

7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars;

8 He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea;

9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;

10 He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.

11 If He goes by me, I do not see Him; If He moves past, I do not perceive Him;

12 If He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?'

13 Elowah (God) will not withdraw His anger, The allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.

14 "How then can I answer Him, And choose my words to reason with Him?

15 For though I were righteous, I could not answer Him; I would beg mercy of my Judge.

16 If I called and He answered me, I would not believe that He was listening to my voice.

17 For He crushes me with a tempest, And multiplies my wounds without cause.

18 He will not allow me to catch my breath, But fills me with bitterness.

19 If it is a matter of strength, indeed He is strong; And if of justice, who will appoint my day in court?

20 Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me; Though I were blameless, it would prove me perverse.

21 "I am blameless, yet I do not know myself; I despise my life.

22 It is all one thing; Therefore I say, 'He destroys the blameless and the wicked.'

23 If the scourge slays suddenly, He laughs at the plight of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked. He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, who else could it be?

25 "Now my days are swifter than a runner; They flee away, they see no good.

26 They pass by like swift ships, Like an eagle swooping on its prey.

27 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad face and wear a smile,'

28 I am afraid of all my sufferings; I know that You will not hold me innocent.

29 If I am condemned, Why then do I labor in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow water, And cleanse my hands with soap,

31 Yet You will plunge me into the pit, And my own clothes will abhor me.

32 "For He is not a man, as I am, That I may answer Him, And that we should go to court together.

33 Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both.

34 Let Him take His rod away from me, And do not let dread of Him terrify me.

35 Then I would speak and not fear Him, But it is not so with me.

### Job: I Would Plead with God

1 "My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say to Elowah (God), 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.

3 Does it seem good to You that You should oppress, That You should despise the work of Your hands, And smile on the counsel of the wicked?

4 Do You have eyes of flesh? Or do You see as man sees?

5 Are Your days like the days of a mortal man? Are Your years like the days of a mighty man,

6 That You should seek for my iniquity And search out my sin,

7 Although You know that I am not wicked, And there is no one who can deliver from Your hand?

8 'Your hands have made me and fashioned me an intricate unity; Yet You would destroy me.

9 Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again?

10 Did You not pour me out like milk, And curdle me like cheese,

11 Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews?

12 You have granted me life and favor, And Your care has preserved my spirit.

13 'And these things You have hidden in Your heart; I know that this was with You:

14 If I sin, then You mark me, And will not acquit me of my iniquity.

15 If I am wicked, woe to me; Even if I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head. I am full of disgrace; See my misery!

16 If my head is exalted, You hunt me like a fierce lion, And again You show Yourself awesome against me.

17 You renew Your witnesses against me, And increase Your indignation toward me; Changes and war are ever with me.

18 'Why then have You brought me out of the womb? Oh, that I had perished and no eye had seen me!

19 I would have been as though I had not been. I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my days few? Cease! Leave me alone, that I may take a little comfort,

21 Before I go to the place from which I shall not return, To the land of darkness and the shadow of death,

22 A land as dark as darkness itself, As the shadow of death, without any order, Where even the light is like darkness."

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Facts Revealed:

### Job: There Is No Mediator [Job 9:1-35]

✧ Job agreed that El is righteous and will not subvert judgment or pervert justice. And that if Job were pure and upright, El would reward Job in his latter end. And that El will not cast away the blameless, nor uphold the evildoers. [Job 9:1, 8:3-21]

✧ "Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before El (God)?

If one wished to contend with Him, he could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.

El (God) is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? [Job 9:2-4]

✧ El is so far above man in knowledge, wisdom, and power that it is impossible for a man to stand in righteousness before Him or contend with Him.

- ✧ Job then enumerated the power of El in all creation, the heavens and the earth. [Job 9:5-13]
- ✧ Job considers how a man even if he is righteous, could take his grievance before El, even to beg for mercy. [Job 9:14-15]
- ✧ **Job admitted that his problem is coming through El who will not allow him to catch his breath, but crushes him with tempest, and multiplies his wounds without cause.** [Job 9:16-18]
- ✧ If it is a matter of strength, indeed He is strong; And if of justice, who will appoint my day in court? [Job 9:19]
- ✧ Job considered the matter and cannot find a cause for his trouble, admitting that El is much stronger than man, and that there is no way for a man to go to court with Him.
- ✧ Job declared that even if he were righteous and blameless, still his mouth would condemn him and prove him to be perverse in the sight of El. [Job 9:20]
- ✧ **After self examination, Job concludes that he is blameless, but in his present condition he does not even know himself, but despises his life. Therefore he concluded that El destroys the blameless and the wicked. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked and El covers the faces of its judges. **If it is not El, then who could it be?** [Job 9:21-24]**
- ✧ Job expressed his frustration as he sees his life slipping away with no hope of reprieve. [Job 9:25-31]
- ✧ El is not a man like myself that we could go to court together, nor is there any mediator that can stand between us. Let Him take His rod away and do not let dread of Him terrify me. [Job 9:32-35]

#### Job: I Would Plead with God [Job 10:1-22]

- ✧ "My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.  
I will say to Elowah (God), 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.' [Job 10:1-2]
- ✧ In the bitterness of his soul, Job considered what he might say if he could take his case before Elowah.
- ✧ First he would ask what is his sin that gives cause for El to contend with him.
- ✧ Job attempted to see as God sees to find the reason for his suffering. [Job 10:3-6]
- ✧ Although You know that I am not wicked, and there is no one who can deliver from Your hand? [Job 10:7]
- ✧ Job acknowledged that it was Elowah who formed him in his beginning and preserved his spirit and that El was aware of it all from the first. [Job 10:8-13]
- ✧ Job struggled to understand considering if I have sinned, or am wicked, or even if I am righteous I cannot lift up my head, Lord, see my misery. [Job 10:14-15]
- ✧ If the problem is pride, You show yourself awesome against me, You renew Your witness against me and increase Your indignation toward me. [Job 10:16-17]
- ✧ Job feels it would have been better if he had died at birth and not seen this trouble. [Job 10:18-19]
- ✧ Job would ask the Lord to cease the torment and leave him alone, that he might find a little comfort before death overtakes him. [Job 10:20-22]
- ✧ Yet Yahweh said Job was a perfect blameless man against whom Satan had moved His hand without cause. [Job 1:8, 2:3]
- ✧ 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]

✧ Job was one of the three men (Noah, Daniel, and Job) God Himself called perfect and able to save only themselves by their own righteousness. [\[Ezekiel 14:14, 20\]](#)