

Job 12

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Job's Reply: I Am Not Inferior to You

- ¹ And Job answered and said,
 - ² No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.
 - ³ But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
 - ⁴ I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.
 - ⁵ He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.
 - ⁶ The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.
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- ⁷ But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
 - ⁸ Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
 - ⁹ Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?
 - ¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.
 - ¹¹ Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?
 - ¹² With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

Wisdom Belongs to God Alone

- 13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.
- 14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
- 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
- 16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.
- 17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.
- 18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.
- 19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.
- 20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.
- 21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.
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- 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.
- 23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.
- 24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.
- 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 12:4 **Parallel theme:** Job 16:10; 17:2; 17:6; 21:3; 30:1; Psalms 91:15

Job 12:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:5; Proverbs 13:9; Matthew 25:8

Job 12:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:24

Job 12:7 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:6; Isaiah 1:3; Jeremiah 8:7

Job 12:9

References Lord: 1 Samuel 2:7; Isaiah 41:20; Daniel 9:17. **Parallel theme:** Job 12:3; 22:18; Daniel 5:18; Acts 19:35; Romans 11:36

Job 12:10 **Parallel theme:** Job 27:3; 33:4; Genesis 2:7; 6:17; Numbers 16:22; Psalms 104:29; Daniel 5:23; John 3:6; Acts 17:25; 17:28

Job 12:11 **Word:** Job 34:3

Job 12:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 15:10; 32:7

Job 12:13 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:4; 11:6; 36:5; Psalms 147:5; Proverbs 8:14; Daniel 2:20; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 2:3; James 1:5

Job 12:14 **Parallel theme:** Job 11:10; 16:11; 19:10; 37:7; 1 Samuel 17:46; 26:8; Isaiah 22:22; Jeremiah 51:58; Malachi 1:4; Revelation 3:7

Job 12:15 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 17:1

Job 12:16 **Parallel theme:** Job 13:9; Ezekiel 14:9

Job 12:17 **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 17:23; Isaiah 29:14

Job 12:18 **Kingdom:** Daniel 2:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 116:16

Job 12:20 **Parallel theme:** Job 17:4; 32:9

Job 12:21 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 107:40

Job 12:22

Light: Daniel 2:22; Luke 1:79; 1 Corinthians 4:5. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10. **Darkness:** Job 3:5; 34:22; Amos 5:8

Job 12:23 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 107:38; Isaiah 9:3; 26:15; 60:22

Job 12:24 **Parallel theme:** Job 12:20; Psalms 107:40

Job 12:25 **Darkness:** Job 5:14. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 107:27; Isaiah 19:14; 24:20

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