

Job 8

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Bildad's First Speech: God Is Just

- 1** Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
 - 2** How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?
 - 3** Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
 - 4** If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;
 - 5** If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;
 - 6** If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.
 - 7** Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.
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- 8** For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:
 - 9** (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)
 - 10** Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?
 - 11** Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones.

18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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.

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 8:1 **Parallel theme:** Job 2:11

Job 8:2 **Word:** Job 6:26. **Parallel theme:** Job 15:2; 1 Kings 19:11

Job 8:3 **Righteousness:** Genesis 18:25; Deuteronomy 32:4; Daniel 9:14. **References God:** 2 Chronicles 19:7

Job 8:4 **Sin:** Job 1:5

Job 8:5 **Parallel theme:** Job 11:13. **References God:** Job 5:8

Job 8:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 1:8; 5:24; Psalms 7:6; 44:23; Proverbs 15:8; Isaiah 1:15; 51:9; 1 Timothy 2:8. **Righteousness:** Job 16:17; Isaiah 3:10

Job 8:7 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 8:16; Proverbs 4:18; 19:20; Zechariah 4:10; 14:7; Matthew 13:12; 2 Peter 2:20

Job 8:8

Parallel theme: Job 15:18; Deuteronomy 4:32; 32:7; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11

Job 8:9 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:6; 14:2; Genesis 47:9; 1 Chronicles 29:15; Psalms 39:5; 90:4; 102:11; 144:4

Job 8:10 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:15

Job 8:12 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 17:6

Job 8:13 **References God:** Psalms 9:17. **Parallel theme:** Job 13:16; 15:34; 20:5. **Hope:** Job 11:20; Proverbs 10:28

Job 8:15 **Parallel theme:** Job 27:18

Job 8:16 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 80:11

Job 8:18 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:8; 7:10; Psalms 37:36

Job 8:19 **Parallel theme:** Job 20:5; 1 Samuel 2:8; Psalms 113:7

Job 8:20

Parallel theme: Job 4:7; Psalms 37:24; 37:37; 94:14; Isaiah 45:1. **Evil:** Job 9:22; 21:30

Job 8:21

Parallel theme: Job 5:22; Genesis 21:6; Nehemiah 12:43; Psalms 32:11; 98:4; 100:1; 126:2; 126:6; Luke 6:21

Job 8:22 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:21; 8:18; 18:14; Psalms 35:26; 109:29; 132:18; 1 Peter 5:5

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