

Job 9

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Job's Reply: How Can Man Be Right Before God?

- 1** Then Job answered and said,
- 2** I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?
- 3** If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.
- 4** He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?
- 5** Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.
- 6** Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.
- 7** Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.
- 8** Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.
- 9** Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.
- 10** Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.
- 11** Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
- 12** Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?
- 13** If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

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- 14** How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

- 15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.
- 16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.
- 17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.
- 18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
- 19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?
- 20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
- 21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.
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- 22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
- 23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
- 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?
- 25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.
- 26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.
- 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:
- 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
- 29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?
- 30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;
- 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

- 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.
- 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.
- 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:
- 35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

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.

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.

Justify — צַדִּיק (Tsadaq)

To be righteous, declare righteous

The Hebrew **tsadaq** (צַדִּיק) means to be righteous or to declare righteous—a legal verdict of innocence. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Job 9:2 **Righteousness:** Job 4:17; 25:4; Psalms 143:2; Romans 3:20

Job 9:3 **Parallel theme:** Job 10:2; 40:2

Job 9:4 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:19; 36:5; Proverbs 29:1; Ephesians 3:10; 3:20

Job 9:5 **Parallel theme:** Habakkuk 3:10; Matthew 21:21; 27:51; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:14; 11:13

Job 9:6 **Parallel theme:** Job 26:11; Psalms 75:3; 114:7; Isaiah 2:19; 2:21; Haggai 2:6; 2:21; Hebrews 12:26

Job 9:7 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 13:10; Amos 8:9

Job 9:8

Parallel theme: Job 37:18; Psalms 33:6; Isaiah 40:22; 44:24; Jeremiah 10:11; Zechariah 12:1

Job 9:9 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 1:16; Psalms 104:13; 147:4; Amos 5:8; Acts 28:13

Job 9:10 **Parallel theme:** Job 5:9; 37:23; Exodus 15:11; Psalms 71:15; 72:18; 136:4; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 11:33; Ephesians 3:20

Job 9:11 **Parallel theme:** Job 35:14; Psalms 77:19; 1 Timothy 6:16

Job 9:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 11:10; 23:13; 33:13; 34:29; Isaiah 45:9; Jeremiah 18:6; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 20:15; Romans 11:34

Job 9:13 **Parallel theme:** Job 26:12; Psalms 89:10; Isaiah 30:7; 51:9

Job 9:15 **Righteousness:** Job 10:15. **Parallel theme:** Job 5:8; 8:5; 10:2; 22:27

Job 9:17 **Parallel theme:** Job 2:3; 16:14; 34:6

Job 9:18 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:19; Lamentations 3:15

Job 9:19 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:4; Psalms 62:11; Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 1:25; 10:22

Job 9:20 **Parallel theme:** Job 34:35

Job 9:21 **Parallel theme:** Job 1:1; 7:21; Proverbs 28:26

Job 9:24 **Evil:** Job 10:3

Job 9:25 **Parallel theme:** James 4:14

Job 9:26 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 18:2; Habakkuk 1:8

Job 9:27 **Parallel theme:** Job 7:13

Job 9:28 **Parallel theme:** Job 3:25; 7:21; 9:2; 10:14; 14:16; 21:6; Psalms 119:120; 130:3

Job 9:30 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 26:6; Jeremiah 2:22

Job 9:32

Parallel theme: Numbers 23:19; Ecclesiastes 6:10; Romans 9:20. **Judgment:** Psalms 143:2

Job 9:33 **Parallel theme:** Job 9:19; 1 Samuel 2:25; Psalms 106:23

Job 9:34 **Parallel theme:** Job 13:11; 33:7; Psalms 39:10

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