



“The Hope in the Anguish”
Job 15:1-21:34 ~ October 18, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever experienced an unexpected upwelling of fresh joy, hope and worship in a time of deep pain and hardship? What happened?

QUICK REVIEW

Job 15-21 contains the 2nd round of dialogue between Job and his friends. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar speak, and they continue to terribly misapply the theology of divine retribution to Job, a godly man (see chapters 1-2). They do so with mounting intensity. Job continues to lament, grieve and vent bitterness over his situation. But, increasingly bright moments of hope also shine in his heart.

This section culminates with one of the greatest expressions of living hope found in Scripture. This is surprising given the grief and dismay that it rises out of.

Read Job 19

A. The Barren Environment of Job’s Life (Job 19:1-22)

1. His closest friends were speaking _____ him (Job 19:1-6)
2. He felt that God was _____ against him (Job 19:7-12)
3. His entire relational world had _____ him (Job 19:13-22)

B. The Living Hope of Job’s Heart (Job 19:23-29)

1. A flash of messianic _____ (Job 19:25)
2. A flash of messianic _____ (Job 19:25)
3. A flash of messianic _____ (Job 19:26-27)
4. A flash of messianic _____ (Job 19:28-29)

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job 19:25-27 records brilliant words of prophetic hope. Reflect on the following three passages. Drawing from each, what experiences comprise the living hope of the Christian life? How do they echo Job's statement of hope?

Romans 8:22-25

Colossians 1:27-28

Titus 2:11-14

2. In the Christian faith, hope is not a word of doubt but a word of confidence. It does not "wish for the best," but joyfully anticipates the glory to come. How is hope produced in our hearts? How might it be hindered?

Romans 15:13

I Peter 1:3-5

I Peter 1:13-16; 2:11

3. What is the astonishing confidence of Job 19:25-27 in terms of sight? What will Job see? How many times does he restate that he will see it?
4. How is the confidence of Job 19:25-27 echoed in John 17:24? How does this hope sustain you and motivate you even in the current challenges you're facing in life?
5. Job wanted to write his own eulogy and epitaph (19:23-24). If you could record in 1-2 sentences a summary of your life for future generations to remember, what would you want it to include?