



INTRODUCTION: In chapter 11, we hear a lecture by Zophar the Naamathite. Zophar is the voice of Orthodoxy. His answer is the answer of Legalism. Zophar is the one who always has a quick and authoritative answer to the problems of life. Zophar is a picture of those who have the right doctrine, but have the wrong spirit.

Ephesians 4:5, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

Zophar makes 3 charges towards Job in chapter 11:

Charge #1: Job is a guilty sinner (11:2-6).

Charge #2: Job is ignorant (11:7).

Charge #3: Job is stubborn (11:12).

I. WE SEE WHAT JOB DESCRIBES (JOB 12)

A. JOB DESCRIBES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN NATURE (JOB 12:15)

B. JOB DESCRIBES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AMONG PEOPLE (JOB 12:16-22)

God strips the, so-called "experts", of their phony credentials (Job 12:17).

God dumps content on famous people (Job 12:21).

We see that there are times that God causes things to end up contrary to what we expect (Job 12:6) – Read Psalm 73.

C. JOB DESCRIBES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AMONG NATIONS (JOB 12:23-25)

II. WE SEE WHAT JOB DECLARES (JOB 13)

A. HE DECLARES HIS DISDAIN FOR HIS FRIENDS (JOB 13:1-12)

In verse 12 we can imagine Job taking a handful of the ashes he was sitting on and letting them fall through his fingers as he told his friends that their proverbs are like those ashes, they amount to nothing. We can see him take some of those broken pieces of pottery and say, "Your defenses and your answers are just as broken and out of place as these broken pieces of pottery."

B. HE DECLARES HIS DEPENDENCE ON GOD (JOB 13:13-28)

(13:13) Job plainly says, "Be quiet and let me talk for a while."

(13:14) Job says, "I'm done listening to you and I'm taking back control of my life."

Job is getting ready to climb to the pinnacle of his faith. He is going to make one of the greatest declarations of faith in the entire Bible (13:15).

III. WE SEE WHAT JOB DESIRES (JOB 14)

A. THE BREVITY AND COMPLEXITY OF LIFE (JOB 14:1-6)

James 1:10, "But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away."

B. THE FINALITY OF DEATH (JOB 14:7-13)

"Hope is a necessity for normal life and the major weapon against the suicide impulse." – Karl Menninger

The person who is self-destructive in their behavior is the person who can't see hope.

1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

C. THE ULTIMATE QUESTION OF LIFE (JOB 14:14)

1. THE CHILLING REALITY OF DEATH (14:14-a)

2. THE APPEALING REALITY OF DESIRE (14:14-a)

This was the question that was raised by the Old Testament man of sorrows. Centuries later it would be answered by the New Testament Man of Sorrows.

John 11:23-25, "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"

3. THE THRILLING REALITY OF DELIVERANCE (14:14-b)

Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

1 Corinthians 15:51, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,"

"I am now in the land of those who die, but I shall soon be in the land of the living." - John Newton

"One day you will hear reports that D. L. Moody is dead. Don't believe it, for I will be more alive that morning than I have ever been!" – D. L. Moody