

## **Job 19 New American Standard Bible**

### **Job Feels Insulted**

**Then Job responded, <sup>2</sup>“How long will you torment me And crush me with words?**

**<sup>3</sup> These ten times you have insulted me; You are not ashamed to wrong me.**

**<sup>4</sup> Even *if* I have truly done wrong, My error stays with me.**

**<sup>5</sup> If indeed you exalt yourselves against me And prove my disgrace to me,**

**<sup>6</sup> Know then that God has wronged me And has surrounded me with His net. Everything Is Against Him**

**<sup>7</sup> “Behold, I cry, ‘Violence!’ but I get no answer; I shout for help, but there is no justice.**

**<sup>8</sup> He has blocked my way so that I cannot pass, And He has put darkness on my paths.**

**<sup>9</sup> He has stripped my honor from me And removed the crown from my head.**

**<sup>10</sup> He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone; And He has uprooted my hope like a tree.<sup>11</sup> He has also kindled His anger against me And considered me as His enemy.**

**<sup>12</sup> His troops come together And build up their way against me And camp around my tent.**

**<sup>13</sup> “He has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances have completely turned away from me. <sup>14</sup>My relatives have failed, And my close friends have forgotten me.<sup>15</sup> Those who live in my house and my servant women consider me a stranger I am a foreigner in their sight.**

**<sup>16</sup> I call to my servant, but he does not answer; I have to implore his favor with my mouth.<sup>17</sup> My breath is offensive to my wife, And I am loathsome to my own brothers.**

**<sup>18</sup> Even young children despise me; I stand up and they speak against me.**

**<sup>19</sup> All my associates loathe me, And those I love have turned against me.**

**<sup>20</sup> My bone clings to my skin and my flesh, And I have escaped *only* by the skin of my teeth.<sup>21</sup> Pity me, pity me, you friends of mine, For the hand of God has struck me.**

**<sup>22</sup> Why do you persecute me as God *does*, And are not satisfied with my flesh? Job Says My Redeemer Lives <sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were recorded in a book!**

**<sup>24</sup> That with an iron stylus and lead They were engraved in the rock forever!**

**<sup>25</sup> Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth.<sup>26</sup> Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I will see God,**

**<sup>27</sup> Whom I, on my part, shall behold for myself, And *whom* my eyes will see, and not another.**

**My heart faints within me! <sup>28</sup> If you say, ‘How shall we persecute him?’ And ‘What pretext for a case against him can we find?’ <sup>29</sup> *Then* be afraid of the sword for yourselves, For wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword, So that you may know there is judgment.”**

### **We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions**

- 1. What questions were provoked within you?**
- 2. Did anything confuse you?**
- 3. Did anything move you emotionally?**
- 4. Did God instruct you to do something?**
- 5. Did you gain any insight into God’s character**

### **Pauls observations and insights**

- 1. Job’s response to his so called friends is a reaction of frustration that has been building up within him.**
- 2. How should we deal with our frustrations?**
- 3. Job’s friends are quite happy to point out his faults. Was that a good thing or not?**
- 4. Job’s defence is ‘my problems of failure are for me to deal with, it’s not your concern’. Was that true?**
- 5. Job’s experience of suffering was real and he doesn’t think it’s because he has done things wrong.**
- 6. When people suffered in the Old Testament, they would often conclude they were being punished by God.**
- 7. It is hurting Job to think God is allowing him to suffer.**
- 8. Though I go through the valley of the shadow of death.**
- 9. Job says ‘in all my reactions God remains silent’ and so he feels alone and confused.**
- 10. Job sees his affliction as from God’s hand but was it?**

11. **‘God has turned my world upside down and everyone who seemed to love me, have left me, even my servants want nothing to do with me’.**
12. **Have you ever been in this kind of situation?**
13. **Why was Job’s breath offensive to his wife? What is Job really saying about his relationship with his wife?**
14. **‘My brothers want nothing to do with me and children who can be very cruel, make it hard for me’. What do we do when we feel abandoned?**
15. **‘Everyone says the opposite to what I say. I am alone.’**
16. **Was Job alone and abandoned?**
17. **What do you do when the people you love don’t love you anymore, when they become your enemy?**
18. **Job’s physical body is breaking down and everything about his body is broken, along with a crushed soul and an abandoned spirit.**
19. **Why would you want to be pitied? What is at work in you within self-pity?**
20. **‘It is bad enough that God is against me, why do you make things worse by judging me?’**
21. **God is into zero tolerance regarding judgement of others.**
22. **Job is keen to have an eternal diary so he can record his experiences. Why did he want this?**
23. **Despite all Job feels, he has placed his will on solid ground and is holding onto the promises of God’s word despite everything that has happened.**
24. **God’s word is the rock of salvation, God will raise and we will step into victory in the end.**
25. **A day will come when I will see God.**
26. **‘My heart is faint’ means what?**
27. **Job says to his friends ‘if you judge me be careful you will not be judged, God will decide because He knows what is really true’.**