

Call Peace Weekly Devotional

WHERE'S YOUR HOPE?

JOB 4



Job 4:1-21

Eliphaz

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied: 2 "If someone ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? But who can keep from speaking?"

3 Think how you have instructed many, how you have strengthened feeble hands. 4 Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees. 5 But now trouble comes to you, and you are discouraged; it strikes you, and you are dismayed. 6 *Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope?*

7 "Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? 8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it. 9 At the breath of God they are destroyed; at the blast of his anger they perish. 10 The lions may roar

and growl, yet the teeth of the great lions are broken. 11 The lion perishes for lack of prey, and the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

12 "A word was secretly brought to me, my ears caught a whisper of it. 13 Amid disquieting dreams in the night, when deep sleep falls on men, 14 fear and trembling seized me and made all my bones shake. 15 A spirit glided past my face, and the hair on my body stood on end. 16 It stopped, but I could not tell what it was. A form stood before my eyes, and I heard a hushed voice:

17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker? 18 If God places no trust in his servants, if he charges his angels with error, 19 how much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundations are in the dust, who are crushed more readily than a moth! 20 Between dawn and dusk they are broken to pieces; unnoticed, they perish forever. 21 Are not the cords of their tent pulled up, so that they die without wisdom?"

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Core Values

Cell Peace focuses on the spiritual foundation and growth of Young Families.

- † Our Identity in God
 1. The husband's identity
 2. The wife's identity
 3. The children's identity
- † God's Providence
 1. Financial Stewardship
 2. Stewardship of our gifts
 3. Stewardship of our families
- † Process of Maturation
 1. Spiritual Foundations
 2. **Growth through Trials**
 3. Leading our families toward Holiness/Legacy



NOTES ON INTERPRETATION

Chapter Contents: Eliphaz reproves Job. (1-6)

And maintains that God's judgments are for the wicked. (7-11)
The vision of Eliphaz. (12-21)

See Matthew Henry's Commentary: <http://www.christnotes.org/commentary.php?com=mhc&b=18&c=4>

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 TIM 3:16

FAMILY WORSHIP

Counseling a Friend

Is there ever a time you've had with a friend who was so upset that they needed some hard words? (v. 2)

When counseling a friend, do you think empathy and soft words are more important, or truth and hard words? Does each have its own place? When should you use each?

When counseling a friend, is it important to remind them of their past successes? (v. 3-4) Why?

What does Job's friend tell him his hope should be in? Is this appropriate? (v. 6)

With Worldly Wisdom

Consider verse 7. Is there truth to that? Consider also Psalm 13 and Habakkuk 1.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping is found in verse 8. Read Galatians 6:7-8 and talk about this. Why does it sometimes seem like we *don't* reap what we sow? Is that true?

If someone says they have a "vision from God" for you (v. 12-16), do you immediately believe them? Is that "vision" always correct or is it sometimes wrong?

Verse 17-21 illustrates our depravity (sinfulness). Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and compare.

Where is Hope?

Job's friend tells him his hope ought to be in his piety (religion) and blameless ways (keeping the Law) (v. 6). Is this how we should live? Should those things also be our hope?

Read Romans 5:8-10. Where is our hope?

Catechism for Kids

Q. 16. Who were our first parents?
A. Adam and Eve.

Q. 17. Of what were our first parents made?
A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Q. 18. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?
A. He gave them souls that could never die.

REFLECTION/MEMORY VERSE

Job 3:20

"Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope?"

WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family worship is simply coming together as a family and worshipping God at home.

"Every Christian family ought to be as it were a little church." --Jonathan Edwards

Family worship **can** include:

1. Bible-reading
2. Discussion
3. Prayer
4. Songs
5. Memory Verses
6. Catechism

WHY DO FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family worship is revolutionary. It takes the truths we hear on Sundays requires us to practice and teach them at home. Faith-training begins at home.

When we bring the gospel back to the home, it will spread through our neighborhoods and into the communities where we live. If every family in every church got serious about making disciples in the home, it would change our world.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW

1. Love your spouses with the love of Christ.
2. Teach your children the gospel.
3. Love and discipline them in the counsel of the Lord.
 - Be intentional (focus).
 - Be consistent (set a time).
 - Make it a (regular) habit.
 - Keep it short (10-15 min).
 - Apply it to your life.
 - Live it out.