

Handout Job Chapter 14

In Chapter 14 Job continues his response by showing how his friends are wrong, and he will show how God can be proven to be right in everything.

Job 14:1–6

- Hebrew poetry at its finest.
- First 2 verses are describing the frailty of man by nature.
- Last 2 verses reiterating this same concept.
- In the middle of the poem, Job is expressing his frustration with God.

Q: What is Job saying about God in verse 3?

Q: What is Job really asserting in verse 4?

Consider these passages describing Christ's ministry:

- Mark 1:40–42
- Luke 7:20–22
- Matthew 4:23–24
- Matthew 9:35–36

Job is wishing to know that God is good; Christ is the ultimate proof that indeed He is!

The most important work Christ came to do was to provide the means by which man can be made **completely** clean before the Father in direct fulfillment of this wish of Job stated so clearly in verse 4. See John 13:8–10.

Q: What is so ironic about verse 6?

Job 14:7–12

- A poem attacking Bildad
- Bildad- if Job would repent, he would be fully restored in this life just as a tree given water would sprout again.
- Job- Unlike plants which sprout when given water even after having been cut down, man will REMAIN in the grave after death and will not rise after he lies down.

Q: Is Job here denying the resurrection? Does Job lack an awareness of the resurrection of man? See Luke 23:40–43.

Job 14:13–14

Three wishes:

- To be hidden from God's wrath while in the grave;
- To be remembered by God;
- To have a time set for his day in court.

Bottom Line- Job is wishing for a resurrection.

Job 14:15–17

If God would only provide a resurrection, then...

- God would “long for the work of His hands” which means that God would love Job!
- that must mean that God has envisioned a way to make the unclean clean!
- The resurrection itself would be proof that God really does love man and has solved the problem of his sin.

Q: What, according to verses 16-17 is the mechanism by which God could make possible the resurrection of man? 1 Corinthians 15:20–26

Job 14:18–22

Q: What is going on with these last few verses. After just having expressed his wish for cleansing from sin and resurrection to new life, now what is he saying?

Application:

- Hebrews 10:22
- 1 Corinthians 15:50–58
- John 10:27-29