

Job 8:20-22

Our God is faithful!

“Lo, God will not reject a man of integrity, nor will He support the evildoers. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouting. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame; and the tent of the wicked will be no more.”

Bildad, Job’s friend, is speaking confidently of our Heavenly Father in the midst of Job’s trial and indeed, several times the things he speaks in this chapter on God’s behalf are the very things that come to pass at the end of the book.

I love to read the conversation between these wise men and how they speak so confidently of how God operates in men’s lives. They are constantly speaking so matter-of-factly of God’s intervention and unwavering faithfulness towards us.

“God will not reject a man of integrity, nor will He support the evildoers.” This view is from both experience and from looking at the examples that God has given even in the face things looking so contrary on the outside. In verses 11-13 he says, *“Can the papyrus grow without a marsh? Can rushes grow without water? While yet it is still green and not cut down, it withers before any other plant. So are the paths of all who forget God, and the hope of the godless will perish.”* In other words, while all of society seems to be flourishing around us and everything seems to be the best it has ever been in the history of mankind for people to live well, yet people will fade away in the midst of it and the things they have put their hope and trust in will collapse leaving them to die. All the water in the world around those reeds and yet they die with no one cutting them down or trampling them.

People everywhere around us are the emptiest they have ever been in the midst of having everything. We on the other hand, often experience the trials that Job is going through and all things seem to be stripped away from us to the point where we might fall into envying the seeming ease of the world.

Hang on! *“God will not reject the man of integrity!”* verse 7 *“Though your beginning was insignificant, yet your end will increase greatly!”* These are words of encouragement to all who are holding on to Christ. Don’t let go! Our Heavenly Father is on your side and will carry you faithfully through all your trials. He is watching over you every step of the way and jealously guarding your eternal inheritance.

May you take courage this day and may He renew your strength! Take His hand and move forward and don’t look on outward circumstances which can deceive the heart, but fix your heart on Him alone and He will carry you through!

God bless!

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