

# **Job 20-21**

**“What We Know vs.  
What We See”**

# **Introduction:**

## **Outline of chapters 20-21**

**Zophar (20) – the quick judgment on the wicked  
Job (21) – provides a very different perspective**

**Vv 20:1-3**

**Now You've Done It!**

**Vv 20:4-11**

**Only the Bad Die Young**

**Vv 20:12-19**

**The Frustrated Life  
Of the Wicked**

**Vv 20:20-29**

**The Dishonorable End  
of the Wicked**

**Vv 21:1-3**

**Hear Me**

**...Please**

**Vv 21:4-16**

**Considering the  
Prosperity of the Wicked**



**Vv 21:17-21**

**The Power of Our Words**

## **Vv 21:17-21 God Allows the Wicked to Prosper**

*Bildad - 18:5 "The light of the wicked indeed goes out, And the flame of his fire does not shine.*

*Job - 21:17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? [How often] does their destruction come upon them, the sorrows [God] distributes in His anger?*

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*Eliphaz 5:4 His sons are far from safety, They are crushed in the gate, And [there is] no deliverer.*

*Zophar 20:10 His children will seek the favor of the poor, And his hands will restore his wealth.*

*JOB - 21:19 [They say], 'God lays up one's iniquity for his children'; Let Him recompense him, that he may know [it].*

**Vv 21:22-26**

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- *Romans 9:20-21 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed [it], "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?"*

**Vv 21:27-34**  
**Empty Words**



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*Both Job and his friends didn't understand God's ways. Yet there were two significant differences between Job and his friends. First, his friends confidently claimed that they did understand, while Job admitted his perplexity. Second, for Job's friends, these were matters of theological and moral theory and interesting topics for discussion; for the severely suffering Job, these were life-and-death questions.*

*-Guzik*

## **Vv 21:27-34 Empty Words**

*Zophar –(appeal to antiquity) 20:4 “Do you [not] know this of old, Since man was placed on earth,*

*JOB - 21:19 [They say], 'God lays up one's iniquity for his children'; Let Him recompense him, that he may know [it].*

# **Taking It Home**

# MEDITATION VERSE

*Psalm 73:26-28*

*My flesh and my heart fail; [But] God [is] the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. But [it is] good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.*