

Bildad Speaks

Chapter Twenty-Five

Job 25:1-6

“Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said: “Dominion and fear are with God; he makes peace in his high heaven. Is there any number to his armies? Upon whom does his light not arise? How then can man be in the right before God? How can he who is born of woman be pure? Behold, even the moon is not bright, and the stars are not pure in his eyes; how much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm!”

Man Is A Worm

- This is Bildad's final speech and the brevity of his speech may indicate he is running out of steam trying to convince Job he is a sinner.
- Bildad repeats what has already been debated several times over that, **Dominion and fear are with God...**and He is steadfast and sovereign over His creation.
- If God is great and the glory of His creation falls short of His glory then it stands reason man must falls short also.
- Bildad compares God with man, **who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm.”**

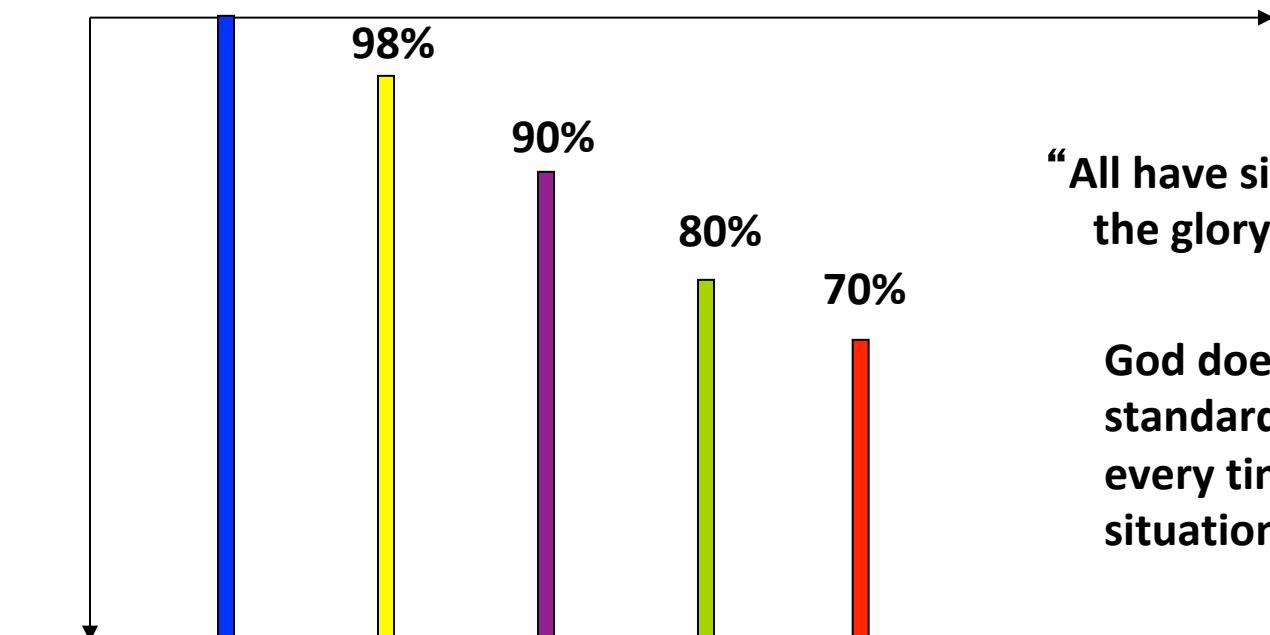
Compared To God

- Job already addressed the question of **How then can man be in the right before God?** (Job 9:2)
- If we compare and measure ourselves against the only One Who is good and pure, “Who can say, ‘I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?’”-**Proverbs 20:9**
- No one can say that they are pure in heart; meaning perfect or sinless.
- If sin is the cause of suffering then everybody should be suffering equally but that we know is not the case.
- “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”-**Proverbs 28:13**

The Divine Measure

100%

“Be ye therefore perfect.” Matt. 5:48



“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” ---Rom. 3:23

God doesn't grade on a curve. His standard is 100% all the time every time in every and all situations with no exceptions.

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- “Bildad's view of God's dominion and majesty in the heavens causes him to devalue mortal man as a maggot. He responds insensitively to Job by suggesting that Job does not need to wait until he dies to be grouped with the maggots (the same Hebrew word that Job used in 17:14). This was caustic sarcasm, for Job was in fact covered with worms (see 7:5)”.-Nelson Bible Study Bible
- While Bildad was right in making the point that human beings are by nature corrupt and unworthy to have anything to do with God, he was mistaken to make mankind worthless in God's eyes.
- God would later show just how much He values mankind through Jesus Christ becoming a man and suffering for mankind in order to rescue even the worst of sinners.

Mankind Is Special To God

- “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”-**Zephaniah 3:17**
- “ God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”-**Genesis 1:27-28**

Man's Uniqueness

Aspect	Text	Biblical Statement
Unique Product of God's Counsel	Gen. 1:26	"Let us make man"-not like "Let there be light" (1:3) or "Let the earth bring forth"(1:11) or "Let the waters abound"(1:20)
Unique Pattern of God's endowment	Gen. 1:26	"in Our image, according to Our likeness"
Unique Potential in God's program	Gen 1:27	"Let them rule over" all the creatures of the earth
Unique Procedure in God's Creative Act	Gen 2:27	"the Lord God...breathed into the nostrils the breath of life" Chart by William D. Barrick

- Every man who is made in the **image and likeness of God**. It doesn't matter if the man be wise or fool, saint or sinner, joyful or sorrowful, disabled or not, doing righteous acts of kindness or doing terrible works of wicked behavior man is the image of God.
- The commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself”(Leviticus 19:18) extends not only to the likeable individual but also the stupid man.
- The culture that we are living in today has supported the lie that if we disagree with a person's behavior we reject the person. Also, if we love someone we agree with all that they believe and do.

Sin Distorts

- Sin is the instrument by which man forgets his position before God.
- Sin develops in the heart a **false sense of sovereignty** which can result in ugly acts of evil.
- This false sense of sovereignty assumes God operates according to our agenda.
- “...and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, **that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’**— as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.”- **Deuteronomy 29:19**

- God demonstrates His kindness and love towards man even though we are sinful.
- “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”-**Titus 3:4-7**

Born Of A Woman

- Bildad demonstrates a knowledge of the Fall of man by using the phrase **born of a woman** (Genesis 3).
- Since man is **born of a woman** he has a sinful nature.
- “ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in **sin** did my **mother** conceive me.”-**Psalm 51:5**

- Every time a child is born it should remind man of the Fall and sin of man but it also should bring joy for the coming redemption promised through the seed of the woman.
- “But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth His Son, born of a woman**, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”-**Galatians 4:4-5**

- “Unlike the apostle Paul who developed the doctrine of total depravity in Romans 1-3 to prepare the way for grace, we know from the rest of Bildad’s remarks that he left no room for mercy or forgiveness.”-Smick, Elmer
- “Bildad is in touch with nothing, he is courageously heartless; he never thinks when he talks, but simply pours it out. The ‘Bildad’ type is often met with in the pulpit; men roll out phrases and talk the most ponderous stuff with nothing in it.”-Chambers, Oswald
- “It is disturbing to see how Job’s friends speak so knowingly about God when, in the end, God revealed that they really didn’t know what they were talking about.”-Wiersbe, Warren