

Don't Let Go Your INTEGRITY

Job 25 - 21

DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NEVADA • JANUARY 15 2023
• All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
• Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. • Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com.

A. Bildad's Final Argument – Chapter 25

Bildad argues that no one can stand before God.

1. God is powerful. (vv. 1-3)

Job 25:1–3, GNB - ¹ [Bildad says] <u>God is powerful;</u> all must stand in awe of him; he keeps his heavenly kingdom in peace. ³ Can anyone count the angels who serve him? Is there any place where God's light does not shine?

2. No one is righteous. (vv. 4-6)

Job 25:4, GNB - 4 Can anyone be righteous or pure in God's sight?

3. Job, you are a worm. (vv. 6-8)

Job 25:6, GNB - ⁶ Then what about a human being [like you, Job], that worm, that insect? What is a human life worth in God's eyes?

B. Job's Response - Chapter 26

Every year makes me tremble at the daring with which people speak of spiritual things.

Bishop Brooke F. Westcott

1. Bildad, have you ever helped anyone in your life? (vv. 1-4)

Job 26:1–4, NLT - ¹ Then Job spoke again: ² "How you have helped the powerless! How you have saved the weak! ³ How you have enlightened my stupidity! What wise advice you have offered! ⁴ Where have you gotten all these wise sayings? Whose spirit speaks through you?

2. Bildad, the creation is a minor work of God. (vv. 5-14)

Job 26:14, NLT - ¹⁴ [Regarding all that God has created] These are just the beginning of all that he does, <u>merely a whisper of his power</u>. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?"

C. Job's Two-Fold Vow - Chapter 27

Job vows to <u>speak no evil</u> and <u>maintain</u> <u>his integrity</u> until he dies.

Job 27:1–6, NLT - ¹ Job continued speaking: ² "I vow by the living God, who has taken away my rights, by the Almighty who has embittered my soul— ³ As long as I live, while I have breath from God, ⁴ my lips will speak no evil, and my tongue will speak no lies. ⁵ I will never concede that you are right; <u>I will defend my integrity until I die</u>. ⁶ I will maintain my innocence without wavering. My conscience is clear for as long as I live.

D. Application - Don't Let Go of Your Integrity

Job 1:1, NLT - ¹ There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil.

- 1. We have an obligation to be righteous before God.
- 2. We also have an obligation to be righteous before others.
- 3. We also have an obligation to be righteous in and of ourselves.
- 4. A vow to spiritual righteousness helps us weather life-long trials and temptations in life.