

**Lecture 27 – Job, V**

Then Job replied to the Lord:  
 I know that you can do all things;  
 No plan of yours can be thwarted.  
 You asked, “Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?”  
 Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,  
 Things too wonderful for me to know.  
 You said, “Listen now, and I will speak;  
 I will question you, and you shall answer me.”  
 My ears had heard of you  
 But now my eyes have seen you.  
 Therefore I despise myself  
 And repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:1-6

**Key Terms**

Anti-wisdom

**Lecture Objectives**

\*Describe and discuss the question of the type of wisdom the book of Job represents.

**Preliminary Questions**

\*How would you describe the role of suffering in the godly life? Is it central and essential or marginal and optional?

\*How would you answer the question, “Do we have to suffer in order to have treasures to share?” Explain your answer. How might your answer affect your counsel to a suffering friend?

**Job, V****I. Job**

A. Introductory matters

B. A survey of the book of Job, with attendant questions

C. Some observations regarding theme and application

1. Theme?

2. Possible applications?

\*3. Discussion:

a. Is Job anti-wisdom? (compare with Psalm 11).

1) Fear of the Lord

2) Prospering

3) Job in sync with Proverbs, but different emphasis

4) Kidner - Proverbs discusses what is at our feet. Job deals with things on the distant horizon.

5) It's OK to take some questions to the grave!

6) Our role in cosmic drama, meaning

7) Do we have to suffer in order to have treasures to share?

See handout: *One Man Among A Thousand (Appendix 10)*. Try to come to some determination of the meaning of the word “find.” Using that meaning, paraphrase verse 28.

Why is it important to study prudential wisdom (Proverbs) and speculative wisdom (Job) together? How do these two types of biblical wisdom inform and complement one another?