

Study Guide

Sunday Morning Worship – January 4

Text: Job 25

Theme: *God's Sovereignty, Human Frailty, and the Danger of Weaponized Theology*

Big Idea

God is absolutely sovereign and perfectly pure, yet He is not cruel or distant. While humanity is fallen and unable to justify itself, God graciously provides a Mediator. Right theology should lead us to humility and worship—not condemnation.

Scripture Focus

Job 25 (Bildad's Final Speech)

Supporting Scriptures referenced in the service:

- Daniel 4:28–37
- Psalm 8:4
- Psalm 19:1–2
- Romans 1:19–20
- Hebrews 12:29
- Romans 3
- Ephesians 2
- 1 Timothy 2:5

Sermon Outline & Teaching Summary

1. God's Absolute Sovereignty (Job 25:2–3)

Bildad begins with truths that are theologically correct:

- Dominion belongs to God alone

- All authority flows from Him
- His rule is universal and unmatched

God is not merely powerful—He *is* power. His sovereignty means He accomplishes exactly what He purposed, always.

Key Insight: God's sovereignty is not theoretical; it is active, complete, and purposeful.

2. God's Transcendent Purity (Job 25:5)

Bildad compares God to creation:

- Even the moon and stars are “not pure” before Him
- God's holiness surpasses all created things

This rightly elevates God above creation—but Bildad stops there.

Key Insight: God's holiness should lead to awe and worship, not despair.

3. The Right Question with the Wrong Use (Job 25:4, 6)

Bildad asks:

“How can man be right before God?”

This is the **right question**, but Bildad uses it to condemn Job rather than point him to hope.

- He reduces humanity to “worms” and “maggots”
- He assumes God relates to people the way sinful humans relate to others
- He forgets grace, covenant, and mediation

Key Insight: Truth used without grace becomes a weapon.

4. What Bildad Misses

Bildad knows much *about* God—but he does not truly know Him.

He forgets:

- Humanity is made in God's image

- God created from abundance, not need
- God provides a Mediator

The answer to Bildad's question is **Jesus Christ**:

- Fully God and fully man
- Perfect righteousness credited to sinners
- Our Great High Priest who stands for us

Key Theological Truths

- God is sovereign **and** gracious
- Human suffering is not proof of divine condemnation
- Justification comes only through Christ
- Theology must be handled with humility

Application: Four Calls for God's People

1. Walk in Humility

We are finite, fallen, and dependent—but deeply loved.

2. You Cannot Justify Yourself

Only Christ can declare us righteous.

3. Suffering Is Not God's Rejection

God is sovereign even over pain and is working His purposes.

4. Do Not Weaponize Theology

Truth is meant to heal, restore, and point to Christ—not crush the wounded.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it possible to say true things about God and still misuse them?
2. How does Bildad's view of God differ from the God revealed in Christ?
3. In what ways are we tempted to "weaponize" theology today?
4. How does understanding Christ as our Mediator change how we view suffering?
5. How can this passage shape the way we speak to those who are hurting?

For Personal Reflection

- Where am I tempted to rely on knowledge rather than grace?
- Do I trust God's sovereignty even when I don't understand His purposes?
- How does the gospel guard my heart from pride or despair?

Closing Truth

"Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea."

Our hope is not in our purity, understanding, or endurance—but in **Christ alone**, who holds us fast.