

# Sunday Morning Worship January 25

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## Summary

### Anchored Faith & True Wisdom in Suffering

#### Scripture References

Job 27–28; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:1-3; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:12-13; Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 5:3-12; 6:33; 1 Peter 1:12; Romans 12:1-2

#### Introduction

- Icy weather forced the church to meet online, yet the pastor urged active participation in worship, singing, and study.
- Continuing the series in Job, today's focus is chapters 27–28, read in full.
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 was read to show how Christ fulfills the themes raised in Job.
- Songs chosen— “Only a Holy God,” “Rock of Ages,” and “In Christ Alone” — reinforced God's holiness, our refuge in Christ, and the sufficiency of the gospel.

#### Key Points / Exposition

##### 1. Job's Unwavering Faith amid Unanswered Questions (Job 27:1-6)

- Job swears an oath “as God lives” acknowledging divine sovereignty even while confused by his suffering.
- He refuses to concede to his friends' accusations; declaring it “morally impossible” ( “far be it” ) to deny his integrity.
- Insight: Faith does not require full explanation; it clings to God's character (Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:1-3).

##### 2. The Terrifying End of False Religion (Job 27:7-23)

- Five stages of judgment on the godless:
  1. Families destroyed by sword and famine (vv. 14-15).
  2. Wealth transferred to the righteous (vv. 16-17).
  3. Security proves fragile—likened to a moth's house or watchman's booth (vv. 18-19).
  4. Swept away by terrors—like an east-wind whirlwind (vv. 20-22).
  5. Final mockery and hissing in God's judgment (v. 23).

- Purpose: warn Job's friends (and us) that works-based, weaponized theology ends in ruin.

### **3. The Futility of Human Wisdom (Job 28:1-22)**

- Poetic survey of human ingenuity: mining, engineering, agriculture, hunting, river-control—yet wisdom eludes mankind.
- Even creation (deep, sea, birds, beasts) cannot locate true wisdom.
- Application: moralism and mere intellect cannot reconcile sinners to God (1 Corinthians 1:20-25).

### **4. True Wisdom Defined (Job 28:23-28)**

- God alone understands wisdom's way.
- Ultimate declaration: “Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.”
- Links to Proverbs, Beatitudes (Matthew 5), and Paul's teaching that Christ embodies God's wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30).

### **5. Gospel Fulfillment in Christ**

- Job, a suffering servant, typologically points to Jesus.
- Christ is God's power and wisdom; the cross is folly to the world but salvation to believers.
- Contentment in any circumstance (Philippians 4:12-13) rests not in explanations but in union with Christ.

### **Major Lessons & Revelations**

- God is absolutely sovereign over both prosperity and pain.
- Genuine faith is revealed—not destroyed—by trials.
- Human achievement cannot attain saving wisdom; divine revelation is required.
- False religion brings inevitable judgment; authentic fear of the Lord brings life.
- Jesus Christ is the consummate expression of God's wisdom and the believer's only refuge.

### **Practical Application**

- Examine your theology: is it rooted in Scripture or in human reasoning and fairness?
- In suffering, anchor hope in God's character rather than circumstances; rehearse His promises.
- Cultivate “fear of the Lord” through daily Scripture intake, prayer, and obedient repentance.

- Resist moralistic explanations for others' pain; offer compassionate presence and gospel truth instead.
- Proclaim Christ crucified even when mocked; God's Word will accomplish His purposes.

## **Conclusion & Call to Response**

Believers are invited to repent of self-reliance, renounce any false wisdom, and trust wholly in Christ. In every season—plenty or want—cling to the God who upholds breath in our nostrils and guarantees our vindication.

## **Prayer**

“Gracious Lord, thank You for sustaining our lives and revealing true wisdom in Jesus. Forgive our tendency to lean on our own understanding. Refine our faith through every trial, renew our minds by Your Word, and empower us to walk by faith and not by sight. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

## **References & Resources**

- Hymns: “Only a Holy God,” “Rock of Ages,” “In Christ Alone”
- Quotation: C. S. Lewis – “Christ wants a child's heart but a grown-up's head.”
- Commentary insight cited from Christopher Ash, Job.