

Job – Part 8

Innocent Blood

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: Innocent Blood

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

- 1) Job's Protest
 - a) Summarize Job's situation.
 - b) What was the basic message of Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, his three "comforters"?
 - c) Job 10:1 – How would you describe Job's condition?
 - d) Job 10:2 What question was he asking God?
 - e) Job 10:3-12 What was Job's dilemma?
 - f) How would you console a person who feels he or she is suffering unjustly?
- 2) The problem of human sinfulness
 - a) Job 10:14-15
 - b) The LORD described Job in Job 1:8 as "a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil". Does this mean he never sinned?
 - c) How extensive is the sin problem in world? Job 15:14; Psalm 51:5; Proverbs 20:9; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23.
 - d) What indication do we find that Job confessed his sins to God and sought forgiveness? Job 1:5
- e) When Job declares, "I am blameless", what is he saying?
- f) What promises of Scripture assure us that we can be forgiven of our sins and stand blameless before God?
 - i) 1 John 1:7-9; 1 John 2:1
 - ii) Jude 24-25
- 3) Unfair fates
 - a) Does anyone remember the story of Jim Elliot? Jim was martyred at age 28 while participating in a mission to an unreached people group in Ecuador. Did they do anything wrong to deserve such a fate?
 - b) Think of other stories in the Bible, besides Job, of individuals who suffered unfairly, through no wrongdoing of their own.
 - i) Abel – Genesis 4:1-8
 - ii) Uriah – 2 Samuel 11:14-17
 - iii) John the Baptist – Matthew 14:3-12
 - iv) Others?
 - c) What promise does Jesus give in Matthew 5:10-12?
 - d) What explanation does Jesus give as to why these unfair fates were permitted?
 - e) Why should we not worry about unfair fates that might await us? Matthew 6:25-34
 - f) What lesson can we learn that will help us if we suffer, or someone we love suffers, an unfair fate?
- 4) Trusting God even when we don't understand
 - a) Proverbs 3:5 (see also Hebrews 11:1)
 - b) Psalm 23:4
 - c) Share a time when you chose to trust God even when you didn't understand what was happening.