

CHAPTER 24

WHY, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed *thereof*.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and for their children*.

6 They reap *every one* his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from

the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry;

11 *Which* make oil within their walls, *and* tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly *to them*.

13. They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth *his* face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one*

know *them, they are in* the terrors of the shadow of death.

18. He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no *man* is sure of life.

23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if *it be* not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAPTER 25

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAPTER 26

BUT Job answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5. Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

6 Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 He stretcheth out the north

over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAPTER 27

MOREOVER Job continued his parable, and said,

2 As God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

7. Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

8 For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

11. I will teach you by the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

14 If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAPTER 28

SURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it*.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

7 *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and *the thing that is hid* bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14. The depth saith, *It is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20. Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

22 Destruction and death say,

We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 24 is a continuation of Job's reply to Eliphaz. Then in chapter 25 Bildad gives his third discourse, and in chapter 26 Job sarcastically dismisses Bildad's arguments and describes God's greatness.

In chapter 27 Job tries to vindicate himself by contrasting himself with wicked people. In this last speech he grows more confident in protesting his innocence, for he says, "...till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me."

Each time Job speaks he denies the accusations that he is secretly a sinner. He knows his own heart and tells his accusers that they have cruelly misjudged him.

Job trusted God but he felt that God had abandoned him. Not once did Job deny God or curse God. If he had done so, then his friends would have known Job was being punished for unbelief. But Job had

faith. So great was his faith that he knew God would vindicate him in the resurrection in the next life, if not in this life. However, Job did feel that God should tell him what He was doing and His purpose in it.

There is a lesson here for all Christians. The ways of God are above and beyond the mind of mortal man. And even when we do not understand, we can still worship and trust Him.

Are you in circumstances that seem bewildering to you? Then do as Job did and trust God. Has He failed you even once in the past? Of course not! Nor will He fail you now. You might not understand the reason for your trial, but remember that it is perfectly understandable to the Lord, for He sees all things. "He looketh to the ends of the earth," Job says. The eyes of the Lord are in every place. He has never removed His gaze from you. II Chronicles 16:9 tells us, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro through-

out the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.” The most wonderful realization of it all is that, not only does God see us and understand fully why we are in certain circumstances, but He can help us in those circumstances! Job says that God is able “To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.”

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“My son, attend to my words: incline thine ear unto my sayings” (Proverbs 4:20).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 19: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

TOSHA T. KELLEY
NORMA JEAN SCOTT

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1846

THE FIRST TELEGRAPH LINE WAS INSTALLED FROM PHILADELPHIA TO BALTIMORE.

1933

THE UNITED STATES WAS PUT OFF THE GOLD STANDARD.

Here is something that should attract our attention. Our national debt should be considered. Our economic position should be discussed with God. It is not right for a nation to make debts that she cannot pay. It is not right for one generation to leave the next generation with a big deficit, or in plainer terms, in debt. How can we teach our boys and girls that it is right to pay their debts when as a nation we are over our heads in debt? Economic stability should be desired by all nations, but especially our great nation. None of us really realizes just how much our own way of life is affected by the financial condition of our nation. Let us pray concerning this today.

1953

SOME GIVE THIS AS THE DATE OF THE CROWNING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

When we think of crowning we think of the day when Jesus shall be crowned. While in Jerusalem, we see the Golden Gate through which He passed on Palm Sunday. We remembered how He came upon the foal of an ass, and people cried, “Blessed is He

that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Matthew 21:9). They tell us that this gate has not been opened since that day and will not be opened until He comes again and is crowned “King of Kings” and “Lord of Lords.” We ascended Mount Zion realizing with every step that some day the capital of the earth will be that place. Let us say with the Saviour, “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done...” and pray that soon will come the day that “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore ‘til moon shall wax and wane no more.”

1968

ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1872

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION MET IN PHILADELPHIA WITH SUBSTANTIAL BLACK REPRESENTATION FROM SOUTHERN STATES.

For the first time in American History, three blacks addressed a major national political convention: Robert B. Elliot, Chairman of the South Carolina delegation; Joseph H. Rainy, South Carolina delegate; John R. Lynch, Mississippi delegate.

1940

THE AMERICAN NEGRO THEATRE WAS ORGANIZED BY FREDERICK O’NEAL AND ABRAM HILL.

1950

U.S. SUPREME COURT UNDERMINED THE LEGAL FOUNDATIONS OF SEGREGATION IN THREE LANDMARK CASES, SWEATT V. PAINTER, MCLAURIN V. OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS AND HENDERSON V. UNITED STATES.

1956

FEDERAL COURT RULED THAT RACIAL SEGREGATION ON MONTGOMERY CITY BUSES VIOLATED CONSTITUTION.

1969

RACE RIOT, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

1973

CARDISS R. COLLINS OF CHICAGO ELECTED TO CONGRESS. She succeeded her late husband.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS"

(Assignment 19)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

() Proverbs 13:20 (Rev. 20:15)

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

() James 4:4 (Gal. 6:8–Isa. 13:11)

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

() Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

() Psalms 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

() 1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.